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To: Ohori, David, EMNRD; Rodriguez, Stephanie, EMNRD; Shepherd, Holland, EMNRD
Cc: Marc Jackson; Mankiewicz, David
Subject: [EXT] Modification 19-1 Rocky Mountain Mine Permit RA004RE - CR Minerals - NMNM 128585 & 126806

Dear Mr. Ohori,

This email is in response to your October 22, 2019 letter requesting comments on the application for modification 19-1 submitted by CR Minerals Company, LLC for their Rocky Mountain Mine Permit RA004RE. I am based out of the BLM Farmington District office which includes the BLM Taos Field Office. Although I am in Farmington I am tasked with covering solid mineral activities for the Taos Field Office. You may remove Calvin Parson from future mailings for BLM Taos solid minerals activities.

The purpose of the CR Minerals request for modification is to: 1) present an estimate of reclamation costs of the E3 unit to the NM MMD prior to entry into the unit; 2) secure approval of the financial assurance estimate from NM MMD; 3) obtain a Letter of Credit (LOC) for financial assurance; and 4) receive approval to enter and mine the E-3 unit from MMD and the BLM.

Consistent with the closeout plan in the current Mine Permit RA004RE, reclamation will remain contemporaneous throughout all mine blocks. CR Minerals does not anticipate changing any part of the closeout/reclamation schedule contained in the current permit. This estimate for reclamation of the E-3 block is separate from, and in addition to the existing bonding for the Rocky Mountain Mine Pursuant to 19.10.5.506.J.2 NMAC. The current financial assurance instruments are Letters of Credit and are in a form that is presently acceptable to your Director.

BLM considers this permit modification complete and consistent with the approved mining and reclamation plan. The proposed adjustments to the reclamation bonding for the E-3 unit are acceptable to the BLM. BLM approves of Modification 19-1.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment on this proposal. Please contact me if you require additional information on this matter.

Regards,
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