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Mr. George Lotspeich
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RE: Response to Southwest Resources Letter dated, March 14, 2019

Mr. Lotspeich:

Thank you for your response to MMD's letter titled, *January 16, 2019 Meeting Notes and Conclusions, Section 12 Mine, McKinley Co., NM Permit Tracking No. MK046RE*, dated January 18, 2019.

Regarding the 90-extension request covered in the Southwest Resources Letter titled, *Response to New Mexico Mines and Minerals Division Letter to Southwest Resources*, MMD will require Southwest Resources to respond with 30 days of receipt of this letter with a clear path forward choosing either Option 1 or Option 2 discussed in the MMD letter titled, *January 16, 2019 Meeting Notes and Conclusions, Section 12 Mine, McKinley Co., NM Permit Tracking No. MK046RE*, dated November 21, 2018. Additionally, MMD will require a draft Closeout Plan based off of either Option 1 or Option 2 within 90 days of receipt of this letter.

Should you have any questions, comments, or require additional information concerning this letter or any enclosures, please contact me at (505) 476-3413, or via email at: clinton.chisler@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler – Permit Lead, MK046RE
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