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Ms. Anne Mauer
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Re: Request for Comments on St. Anthony Mine Site Financial Assurance Opinion of Construction Cost, Cibola County, New Mexico, Permit Tracking No. MK006RE

Dear Ms. Mauer,

On January 23, 2020, the Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department received the *St. Anthony Mine Site Financial Assurance Opinion of Construction Cost* ("Opinion of Construction Cost") dated January 23, 2020 from Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. on behalf of United Nuclear Corporation for the St. Anthony Mine, Cibola County, New Mexico.

Pursuant to §19.10.12 NMAC, MMD is requesting comments from your agency regarding the *Opinion of Construction Cost*. The submitted document provides two cost estimates: "Modified 2010 Costs" and "2020 Costs." However, in prior consultation and agreement with the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED"), MMD is requesting comments only on the "Modified 2010 Costs." There is no MMD/NMED approved Closure/Closeout Plan to support the "2020 Costs" estimate; therefore, a review of the "2020 Costs" opinion is premature at this time.

Please provide any comments your agency has on the "Modified 2010 Costs" within the *Opinion of Construction Cost* within 60 days from the date of receipt of this letter.

The *Opinion of Construction Cost* is available for download on MMD's website at:
<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/PermitMK006RE.html>

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 476-3434 or by email at david.ennis@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mine File (MK006RE)