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March 30, 2020

Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma
Hopi Tribe
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Re: Request for Comments on Regular Existing Mining Application, Revision 19-1 to Expand the Pit Limit, Change Permit Boundary, and Partial Financial Assurance Release, Socorro Mine and Mill, Socorro County, New Mexico, Permit No. SO001RE

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Director Leigh Kuwanwisiwma
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President Arthur "Butch" Blazer
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Mescalero, NM 88340

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Governor Max Zuni
Pueblo of Isleta
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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Dr. Henry Walt
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Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 7440
Window Rock, AZ 86515

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March 30, 2020

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Carnegie, OK 73015-0369

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