

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Alan Klatt, Surface Water Quality Bureau
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FROM: Anne Maurer, Mining Environmental Compliance Section

DATE: September 10, 2020

SUBJECT: **Request for Review and Comment, Old Stope Leach Mine, Revised Interim Closure/Closeout Plan, Rio Algom Mining, LLC, McKinley County, New Mexico Mining Act Permit No. MK009RE**

Attached is a copy of a cover letter received from the Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARF) by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) requesting comments regarding the above referenced document. This is designated as a regular existing mine and has Mining Act permit tracking No. MK009RE. Please have any comments back to Kurt Vollbrecht by October 19, 2020.

A copy of the MARF request for comments letter is attached to this electronic transmittal. The Revised Interim Closure/Closeout Plan can be found here:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/mmd/MARF/MK009RE.html>

Please send all responses to Kurt Vollbrecht, Program Manager, Mining Environmental Compliance Section, NMED.

Attachments:

September 21, 2020, MARF, David Ennis, Request for Comments

cc: Shelly Lemon, Chief, SWQB
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Re: Request for Comments, Revised Interim Closure/Closeout Plan, Old Stope Leach Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK009RE

Dear Ms. Maurer,

The Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department received the revised Interim Closure/Closeout Plan dated September 9, 2020, from Rio Algom Mining, LLC for the Old Stope Leach mine permit no. MK009RE. The revised Interim Closure/Closeout Plan can be found on MMD's website at:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/mmd/MARP/MK009RE.html>

Pursuant to §19.10.5.506 NMAC, MMD is requesting comments from your agency on the revised Interim Closure/Closeout Plan. In accordance with §19.10.5.506 NMAC, your agency has 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter in which to provide comments.

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

Sincerely,

David J. (DJ) Ennis, P.G., Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARP)

cc: Mine File (MK009RE)