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November 10, 2020

Dr. Matthew Wunder, Chief
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PO Box 25112
Santa Fe, NM 87504

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Regular Existing Mine Modification 20-1
Application for Chevron EMC (“Chevron”); Questa Mine, Taos Co., NM Permit
Tracking No. TA001RE**

Dear Dr. Wunder:

Pursuant to §19.10.5.505 NMAC, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) has determined that the Revision 20-1 Application submitted on October 19, 2020 is administratively complete. The application submitted by Chevron is for its Questa Mine, Permit No. TA001RE. Modification 20-1 Application is requesting that the Questa Mine Permit change it’s Post Mining Land Use (“PMLU”) from “Forestry and Water Management” to “Wildlife and Industrial/Commercial”, is proposing a change in Permit verbiage related to approved materials for disposal in the Questa Mine’s Open Pit, and also is requesting to modify Vegetative Management Objectives and Standards found in the Permit

The Modification 20-1 Application can be viewed in its entirety by visiting the MMD website at:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/TA001REMod20-1.html>

Please provide any comments regarding the proposed Modification 20-1 Application to MMD by December 10, 2020. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a site visit please contact Clint Chisler at (505) 467-9589 or via email at: clinton.chisler@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead – Permit TA001RE
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARP”)/MMD

cc: Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARP/MMD
Mine File TA001RE

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NM State Forestry Division
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
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Santa Fe, NM 87504-1948

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Village of Questa
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Questa, NM 87556

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