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RE: Request for Review and Comment, Regular Existing Mine Draft Reclamation Plan, Section 12 Mine, McKinley Co., NM Permit Tracking No. MK046RE

Dear Ms. Maurer:

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") has received the *Draft Reclamation Plan* for the Regular Existing Mine Permit Tracking No. MK046RE and is requesting comment from NMED. The additional associated documents are listed below. These can be accessed through the Empire Trust Inc. document site that has been forwarded to you via email.

- Draft Reclamation Plan Text and Tables, dated 02/19/2020
- Appendix A & B, dated January 2017
- Appendix C, dated October 2018
- Appendix D-H, dated September 2019
- Figures 1-8, dated 1/29/2020

MMD requests that you review and comment on the *Draft Reclamation Plan and associated documents* within 60 days of receipt of this letter. Please contact me at (505) 476-3413, or via email at <u>clinton.chisler@state.nm.us</u> with any questions or comments you may have regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead – Permit Application MK046RE Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MARP")/MMD

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cc: Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARP/MMD
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