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Mr. David Ohori
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Dear Mr. Ohori:

Re: Little Rock Update to Closure/Closeout Plan

Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Inc. (Tyrone) submitted an update to the Little Rock Closure/Closeout Plan (CCP) on June 20, 2020. On February 12, 2021, Tyrone submitted a Reclamation Cost Estimate and other updated CCP documents. In an email dated March 19, 2021, MMD forwarded additional comments provided by New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and State of New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMGF). This letter is in response to NMED and NMGF comments.

Below are NMED and NMGF's comments in italics followed by Tyrone's response.

Air Quality Bureau

Comments noted.

Surface Water Quality Bureau

1. Since SWQB submittal of comments on the Revision 20-1 application in September 2020, the EPA has finalized the 2021 MSGP, which is effective on March 1, 2021. Notices of Intent (NOIs) for coverage at a facility previously covered under the 2015 MSGP must be submitted to EPA by May 30, 2021. For more information, please see:

https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-industrial-activities-epas-2021-msgp

Comment noted and NOI will be submitted no later than May 30, 2021.

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Mining Environmental Compliance Section (MECS)

Tyrone is working with NMED to assess and update the Little Rock Material Characterization and Handling Plan.

New Mexico Game and Fish

Comments noted, no response required at this time.

Please contact Ms. Mandy Lilla at (575) 912-5388 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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