

**Public Hearing:
Little Rock Mine Public Hearing**

The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) hereby gives notice of a public hearing on the application by Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Operations (Tyrone), the operator of the Little Rock Mine, for a proposed expansion of the mine and to update the closeout plan for the Little Rock Mine. The Little Rock Mine is a copper mine located approximately ten miles south of Silver City near the town of Tyrone, Grant County, New Mexico. MMD's Permit Number for the mine is GR007RE.

The closeout plan for the Little Rock Mine was first approved by MMD under Revision 97-1, on December 29, 2000; it has been updated under Revision 10-1 approved on December 30, 2010 and under Revision 14-1 approved on March 7, 2016. On June 11, 2020, Tyrone submitted an application to expand the Little Rock Mine and to update the closeout plan as required by Modification 18-1 to Permit No. GR007RE. MMD assigned Revision 20-1 to process the application. Tyrone has submitted supplemental information including responses to MMD and state agency comments and a proposed closeout plan cost estimate. A copy of the application and supplemental information for the Little Rock Mine expansion and updated closeout plan is available for viewing on the MMD website at:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/GR007RERev20-1.html>

The purpose of the hearing is to give the public an opportunity to learn about and comment on the proposed mine expansion and the updated closeout plan for the Little Rock Mine. Representatives of MMD, Tyrone, and the Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP) will be making presentations. The mine's mailing address is:

Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Operations
P.O. Box 571
Tyrone, New Mexico 88065.

The public hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 5:00 pm.**

Due to the current health and safety requirements in effect for New Mexico, the public hearing will be held online using the WebEx Event application. If you wish to participate in the public hearing, please send an email to: EMNRD.MMD2@state.nm.us. MMD will respond with information to enable participation in the WebEx public hearing.

Written comments regarding the proposed Little Rock Mine expansion and updated closeout plan may be submitted to the Director of the Mining and Minerals Division at the following address:

Jerry Schoeppner, Director
Mining and Minerals Division
NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Written comments may be sent to MMD until a date after the public hearing determined by MMD Director.

For additional information, please contact the Mining and Minerals Division, Mining Act Reclamation Program at 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or contact David Ogori, Permit Lead, at (505) 216-8945, or by e-mail at david.ogori@state.nm.us.