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Joe Mirabal
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Rio Puerco Field Office
435 Montano Rd., NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107

RE: Release of Financial Assurance, Request for Modification 12-1, Permit RA004RE, Rocky Mountain Mine

Dear Mr. Mirabal:

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David Ohori, Permit Lead
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Michelle Ensey
Department of Cultural Affairs
Historic Preservation Division
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Santa Fe, NM 87501

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Dear Ms. Ensey:

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Matthew Wunder, PhD., Chief
Conservation Services Division
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish
P.O. Box 25112
Santa Fe, NM 87504

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Dear Dr. Wunder:

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Mining Environmental Compliance Section
Ground Water Quality Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

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Tony Delfin, Director
State Forestry Division
New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources Department
P.O. Box 1948
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1948

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Michael Johnson
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