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Holland Shepherd, Program Manager
Mining Act Reclamation Program/Mining and Minerals Division
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: Public Hearing Request for Application to Revise Permit GR009RE for Expansion of Design Limit for North Lampbright Waste Rock Stockpile Extension and Closure-Closeout Plan

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

The Gila Resources Information Project would like to request a public hearing for Freeport-McMoRan's application to revise Permit GR009RE for expansion of the Santa Rita Beneficiation design limit for North Lampbright Waste Rock Stockpile Extension and associated Closure-Closeout Plan.

We believe that a public hearing should be conducted for this project given new land disturbance outside of the current design limit, potential for increased groundwater contamination from creation of the new Lampbright waste rock stockpile, and adequacy of the Closure-Closeout Plan to achieve a self-sustaining ecosystem at the site post-reclamation.

We thank you for consideration of our request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allyson Siwik".

Allyson Siwik
Executive Director

Cc: Chris Eustice, Permit Lead, MMD
Brad Reid, Permit Lead, NMED