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September 25, 2024

Honorable Governor Randall Vicente  
P.O. Box 309  
Acoma, NM 87034

**Re: Request for Comments and Offer to Consult on Emma Project, Regular (Part 4) Exploration Permit Application, Permit No. GR095ER**

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THPO Steven Concho  
P.O. Box 309  
Acoma, NM 87034

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Honorable Governor Max Zuni  
P.O. Box 1270  
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

**Re: Request for Comments and Offer to Consult on Emma Project, Regular (Part 4) Exploration Permit Application, Permit No. GR095ER**

Dear Honorable Governor Zuni,

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THPO Henry Walt  
P.O. Box 1270  
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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P.O. Box 339  
Zuni, NM 87327

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THPO Kurt Dongoske  
P.O. Box 339  
Zuni, NM 87327

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Honorable Chairwoman Lori Gooday-Ware  
Rt. 2, Box 121  
Apache, OK 73006

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Dear Honorable Chairwoman Gooday-Ware,

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Honorable President Eddie Martinez  
P.O. Box 227  
Mescalero, NM 88340

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THPO Holly Houghton  
P.O. Box 227  
Mescalero, NM 88340

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Honorable Chairman Kasey Velasquez  
P.O. Box 700  
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

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THPO Mark Altaha  
P.O. Box 1032  
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Window Rock, AZ 86515

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P.O. Box 4950  
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This notification of application is being submitted to you pursuant to the State Tribal Collaboration Act. MMD is requesting comments from you on any traditional, cultural and or religious properties that you would like MMD to take into consideration and is offering to consult with you on the application.

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<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/gr095er-emma-project-regular-exploration-project-part-4/>

MMD recommends that this letter be forwarded to your tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) and Environmental Department.

A cultural resource survey is currently being conducted, a copy of which can be requested from the State Historic Preservation Division. Please provide any comments or request a formal consultation within 30 days of the date on this letter. If you wish to consult with us on this application or have any questions, please contact me at (505) 467-9589 or [clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.gov](mailto:clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.gov).

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead  
Mining and Minerals Division



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**Re: Request for Comments and Offer to Consult on Emma Project, Regular (Part 4) Exploration Permit Application, Permit No. GR095ER**

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