

**PERMIT REVISION 24-1 TO PERMIT NO. GR020RE  
GEORGETOWN MINE  
REGULAR EXISTING MINING OPERATION**

**MINING AND MINERALS DIVISION  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

This Revision 24-1 (24-1) to Permit No. GR020RE (Permit) is issued by the Director of the Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department to:

JH Mining, LLC. (formerly Sierra Corporation)  
Whose correct address is: 5070 Mark IV Parkway  
Fort Worth, TX 76106

(Permittee) for the Georgetown Mine, Grant County, New Mexico.

This Revision 24-1:

1. Releases the Georgetown Mine from the requirements of the New Mexico Mining Act; and
2. Releases the total amount of Financial Assurance (FA) for the site in the amount of \$5,200.00.

In order to accomplish the approval contemplated by Revision 24-1, the following subparagraphs are added to Permit No. GR020RE:

**Section 1 (24-1). STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**

- A. This Permit Revision is issued pursuant to the New Mexico Mining Act, NMSA 1978, §69-36-1, et seq. (1993, as amended through 2019) (Act) and New Mexico Mining Act Rules, Title 19, Chapter 10 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (“NMAC” or “Rules” or “Regulations”).
- B. This Permit Revision is subject to the Act, the Rules, and any other regulations which are now or hereafter in force under the Act; and all such regulations are made a part of this Permit by this reference.

**Section 2 (24-1). PERMIT APPLICATION PACKAGE**

- A. The permit application package for Revision 24-1 (24-1 PAP) consists of a written request from the Permittee, received by MMD on August 13, 2024, for full release of financial assurance and release of permit number GR020RE from the New Mexico Mining Act.

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- B. On August 13, 2024 the revision fee was submitted as required by §19.10.2.201 NMAC for release of the Georgetown Mine.
- C. *Vegetation Surveys Performed by MMD in 2021 and 2023.*
- D. *Operator Proof of Public Notice Package, dated August 20, 2024.*
- E. *Application Notice of Administratively Complete, dated September 10, 2024.*
- F. *Second Operator Proof of Public Notice, dated September 19, 2024.*
- G. *Agency Request for Comment, Application for release from the Mining Act (24-1) JH Mining LLC; Georgetown Mine, dated August 20, 2024.*
- H. *MMD Inspection Report for Agency Inspection dated September 5, 2024.*
- I. *Agency Response Comment Letters from; EMNRD – Forestry (dated August 20, 2024) NMDG&F (dated September 6, 2024), NMED (dated September 9, 2024), and NMDCA (dated September 4, 2024).*
- J. *MMD Application Technically Approvable; dated October 21, 2024.*

**Section 3 (24-1). FINDINGS OF FACT**

*The Permit Application Package*

- A. The Permittee has paid the permit revision fee of \$5,000.00 as required by §19.10.2.201 of the Rules.
- B. 24-1 PAP has been reviewed in accordance with §19.10.12.1210 NMAC and is complete, accurate, and complies with the requirements for permit Revisions under §19.10.5.505 of the Rules.
- C. All Public Notice requirements per §19.10.9 NMAC have been met by the operator in October of 2024. No comments were received from the public and no public hearing was requested.
- D. Pursuant to §19.10.5.505.B(1) of the Rules, the proposed change would not have a significant environmental impact.

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- E. Pursuant to §19.10.5.505.B.(1) of the Rules, 24-1 PAP was accompanied by sufficient information for the Director to determine whether any of the factors listed in §19.10.5.505.B.(1) NMAC are present.
- F. Pursuant to §19.10.5.505.B.(1) NMAC, the Director consulted with the New Mexico Environment Department, Department of Game and Fish, State Forestry, State Historic Preservation Division, and the Office of the State Engineer and requested comments on 24-1 PAP.
- G. Comments on 24-1 PAP were received from State Forestry, State Historic Preservation Division, Department of Game and Fish, and the New Mexico Environment Department.

*Inspection*

- H. An agency inspection and evaluation of the reclaimed disturbance within the Georgetown Mine Permit Area was conducted by MMD on September 5, 2024. All areas were found acceptable.

*Tribal Consultation*

- I. MMD provided the PAP to the following tribal entities and offered consultation on September 13, 2024 and October 18, 2024 to the following tribal entities: Acoma Pueblo, Isleta Pueblo, the Fort Sill Apache Tribe, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Navajo Nation, Zuni Pueblo and the Hopi Tribe. MMD received a response from the White Mountain Apache Tribe on October 18, 2024 as well as November 7, 2024, who deemed this project to have “No Adverse Effect” to their traditional cultural and/or historical properties.

*Financial Assurance*

- J. The Certificate of Deposit (original number 3032693332), with all associated interest gained, held by MMD is hereby released in accordance with §19.10.12.1210 NMAC. The original official amount held is a total of \$5,200.00.

**Section 4 (24-1). CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- A. The request for permit Revision is complete and accurate and complies with the requirements of the Act and §19.10.5.505 and §19.10.12.1210 NMAC.

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**ORDER**

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Director approves Permit Revision 24-1 to the GEORGETOWN Mine, Permit No. GR020RE, located in Grant County, New Mexico. The approval releases all financial assurance for the mine site and releases the mine from the requirements of the New Mexico Mining Act.

By Order of the Director, Mining and Minerals Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, of the State of New Mexico.

By: *Albert Chang*  
Albert Chang, Director  
Mining and Minerals Division  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Date: 12/6/2024