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Michael Rutland  
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RE: Minimal Impact New Mine Permit Modification 24-1 Application Determined  
Administratively Complete Permit No. SI025MN, Harding Mine in Sierra County,  
NM

Dear Mr. Rutland,

Pursuant to 19.10.3.303 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) has determined that a Minimal Impact New Mine Permit Modification 24-1 Application (Application) submitted on December 2, 2024 is administratively complete. The Application proposes to change the reclamation plan of the shaft closure and permanently close the shaft. The Permit area is on United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property and located within the Caballo Mountains.

MMD is hereby notifying you that the proposed Modification 24-1 Application for Permit No. SI025MN is administratively complete. MMD will now distribute the Application to other reviewing state, federal and tribal agencies to begin technically review pursuant to 19.10.3.303 (I) NMAC. A site visit for this modification was performed January 17, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact me at 505-216-8945 or via e-mail at: [samantha.rynas@emnrd.nm.gov](mailto:samantha.rynas@emnrd.nm.gov).

Sincerely,

Samantha Rynas, Permit Lead - No. HI023EM Mining  
Act Reclamation Program (MARF)/MMD

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