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Erika Rowe, State Botanist
EMNRD – State Forestry Division
1220 S. St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Ms. Rowe,

On May 3, 2024, the Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department received an application for partial release of financial assurance associated with the Menefee Mining Black Springs Mine located in McKinley County, New Mexico. Pursuant to §19.10.3.304.H NMAC, MMD is requesting comments from your agency regarding the request to modify permit number MK026MN.

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In accordance with §19.10.3.304.H NMAC, your agency has 20 days from the date of receipt of this letter in which to provide comments. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 490-0967 or by email at alaina.osimowicz@emnrd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

Alaina Osimowicz

Alaina Osimowicz, Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARF)

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Cortney Wands
Department of Cultural Affairs
Historic Preservation Division
407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Cortney Wands,

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Virginia “Ginny” Seamster, Ph.D.
Assistant Chief for Technical Guidance
Wildlife Management Division
New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
1 Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87507

Dear Dr. Seamster,

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Katie Zemlick, PHd., Hydrology Bureau Chief
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Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

Dear Dr. Zemlick,

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Ms. Anne Maurer
NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

Dear Ms. Maurer,

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