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September 25, 2024

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

**RE: Request for Comment, Emma Project, Regular (Part 4) Exploration Permit Application, Permit No. GR095ER**

Dear Ms. Wands,

Pursuant to §19.10.4 NMAC, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) has determined that a Regular Exploration Permit Application (Application) submitted on July 31, 2024 is Administratively Complete. The application was submitted by Freeport-McMoRan (FMI) for its Emma Project and proposes to drill 34 boreholes and disturb up to 60 acres of private property owned by FMI within the boundaries of the claim numbers identified in the application for exploration located approximately 10 miles south of Silver City, NM in Grant County, New Mexico.

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Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead  
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARP)

cc: DJ Ennis, Program Manager, MARP

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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

**RE: Request for Comment, Emma Project, Regular (Part 4) Exploration Permit Application, Permit No. GR095ER**

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Ms. Amber Rheubottom  
NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau  
Mining Environmental Compliance Section ("MECS")  
P.O. Box 5469  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

**RE: Request for Comment, Emma Project, Regular (Part 4) Exploration Permit Application, Permit No. GR095ER**

Dear Ms. Rheubottom,

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Katie Zemlick, PHD., Hydrology Bureau Chief  
New Mexico Office of the State Engineer  
P.O. Box 25102  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

**RE: Request for Comment, Emma Project, Regular (Part 4) Exploration Permit Application, Permit No. GR095ER**

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

**RE: Request for Comment, Emma Project, Regular (Part 4) Exploration Permit Application, Permit No. GR095ER**

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