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February 4, 2025

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

Re: Request for Comments and Offer to Consult on Permit Application to Expand the permit Area for Modification 25-1, Black Spring Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN

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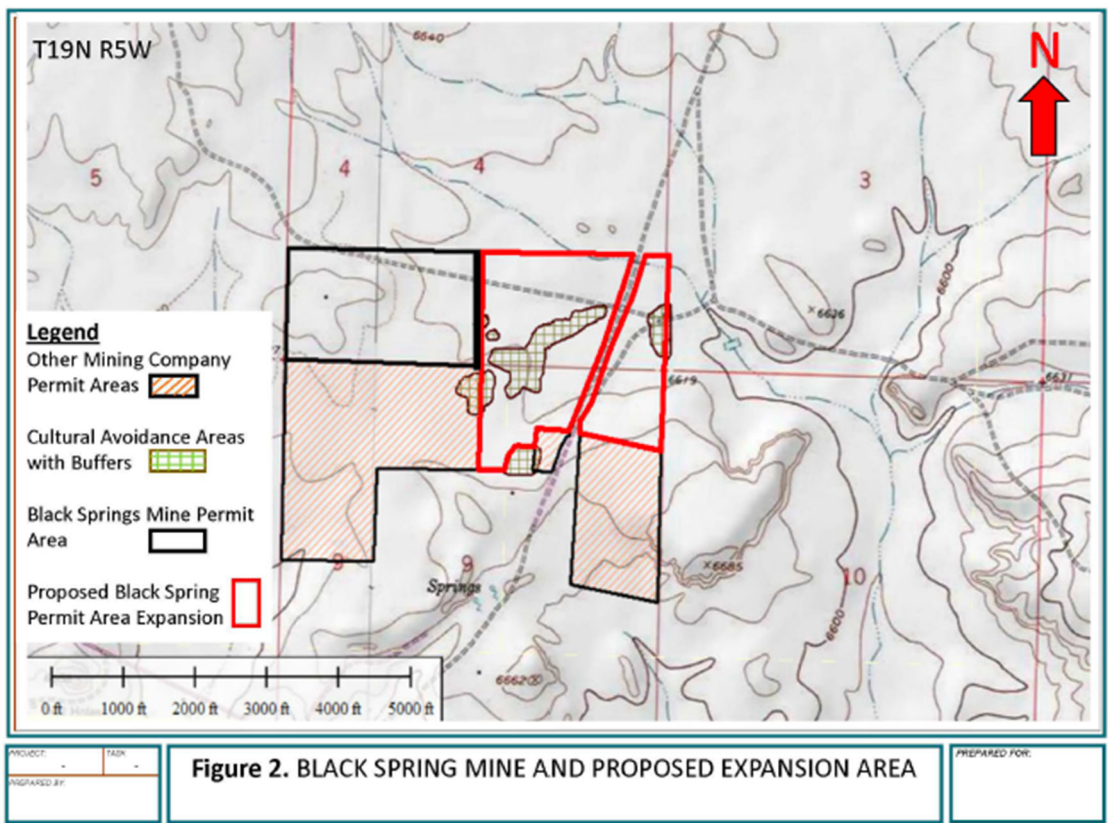
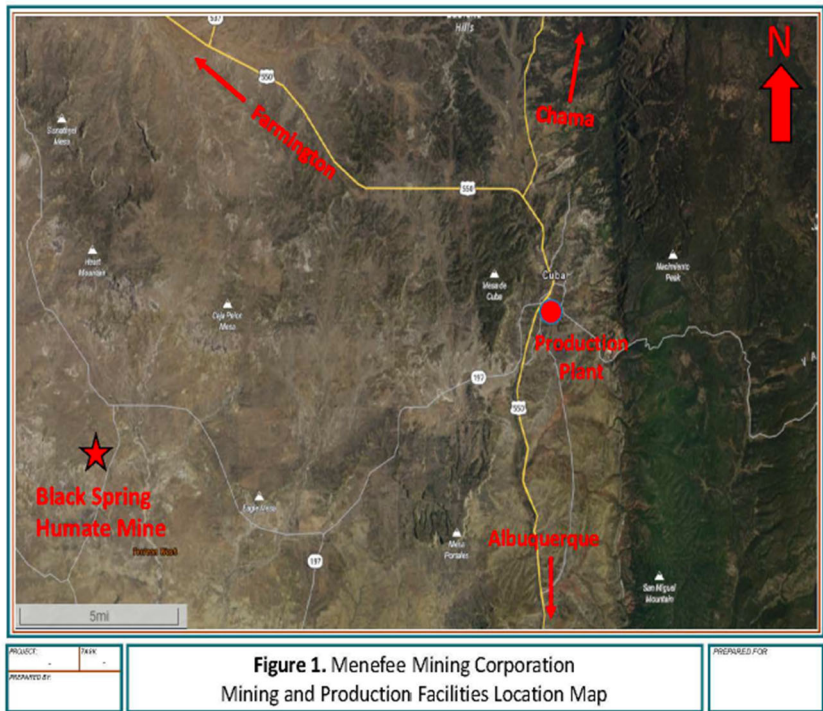
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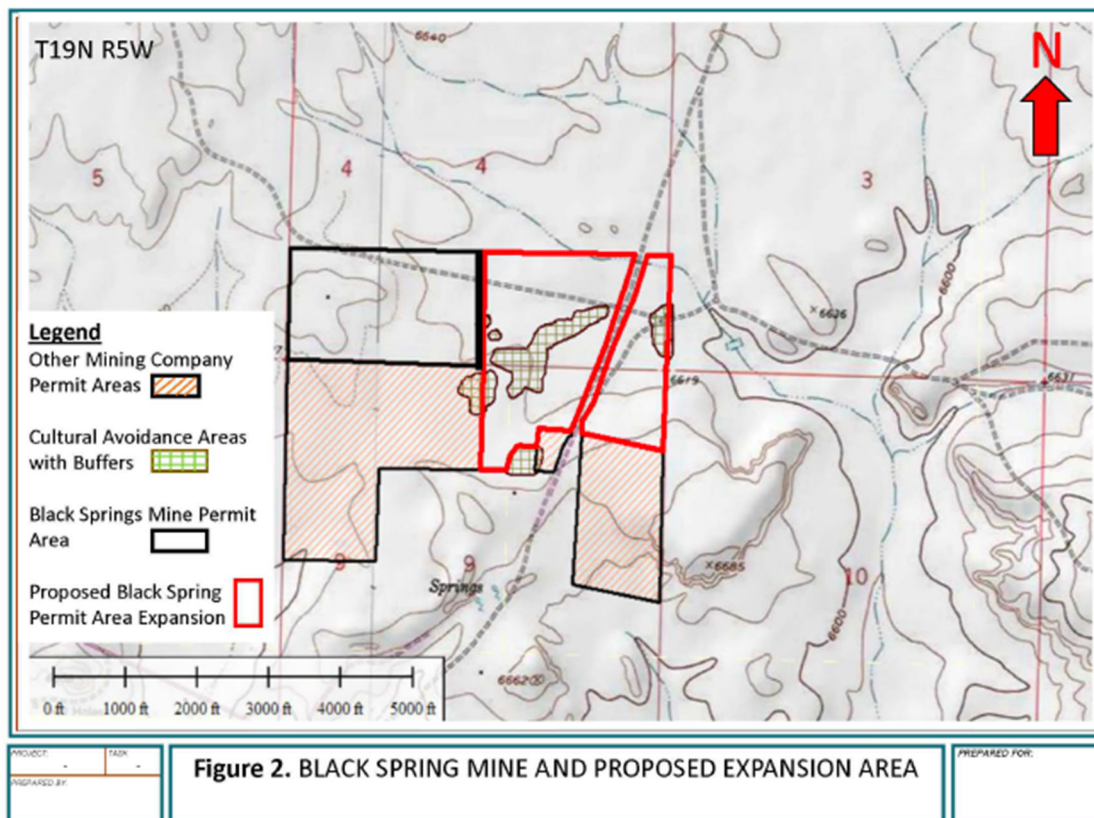
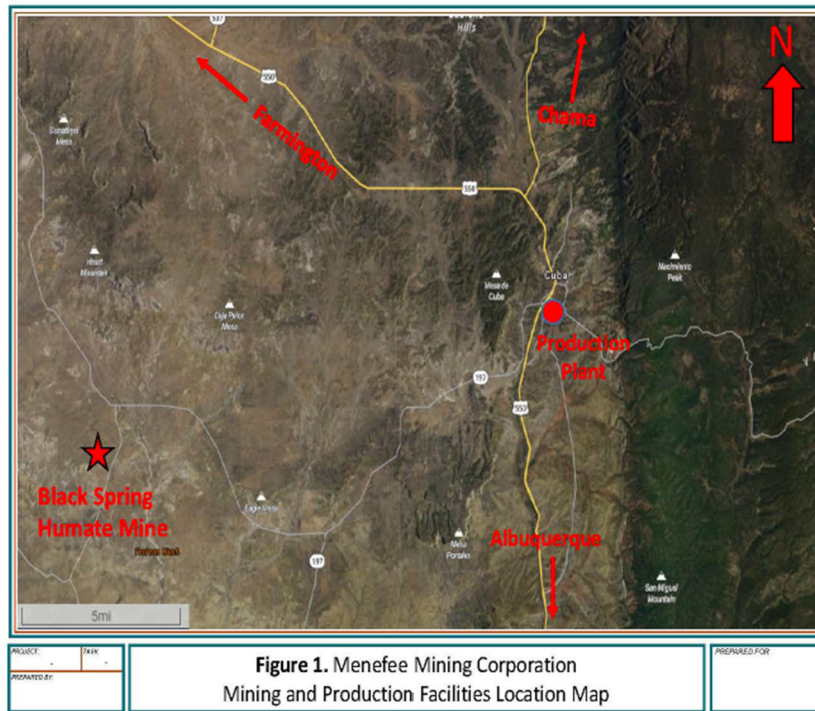
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Governor Max Zuni
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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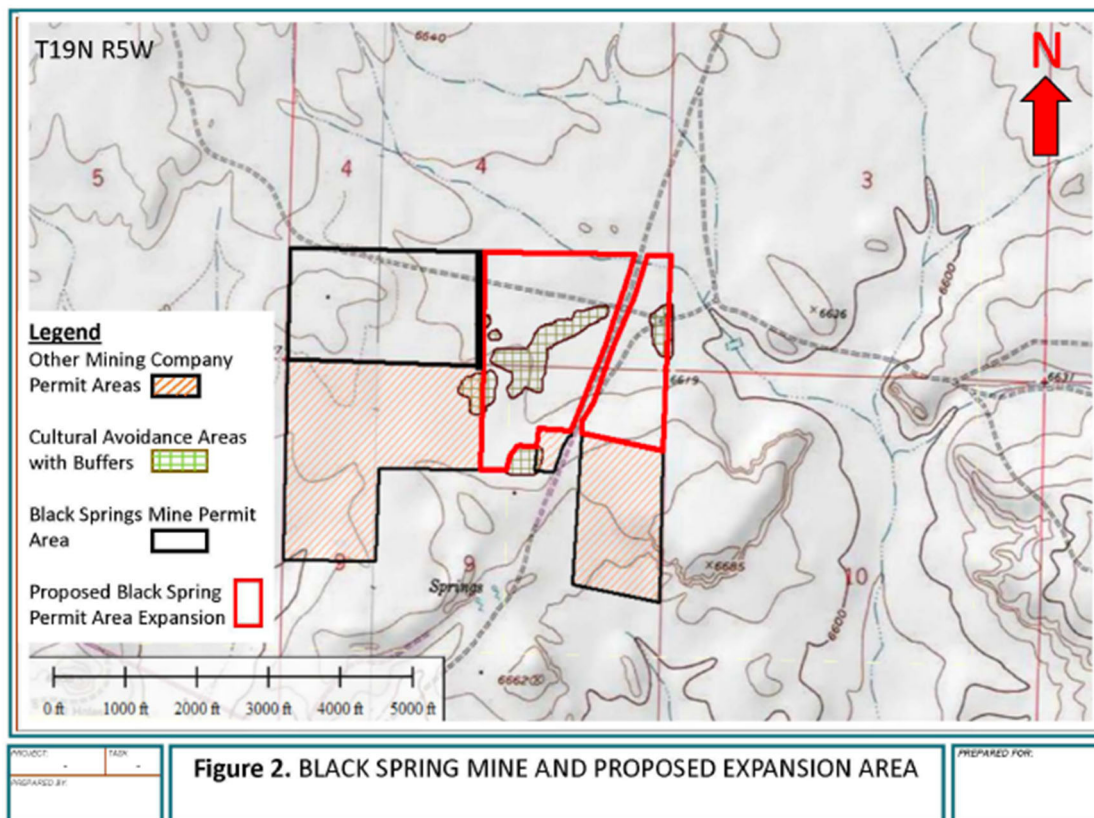
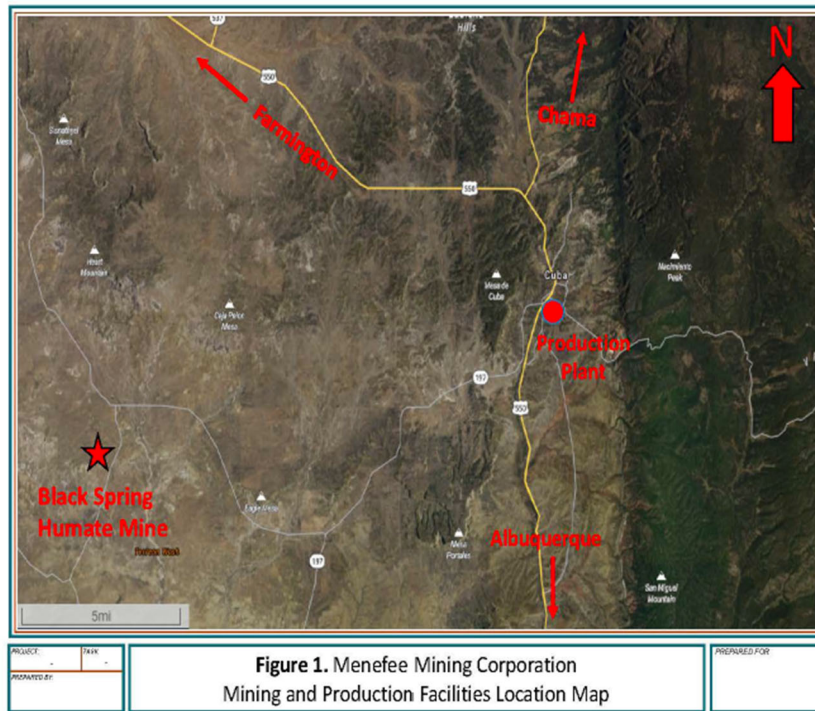
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THPO Henry Walt
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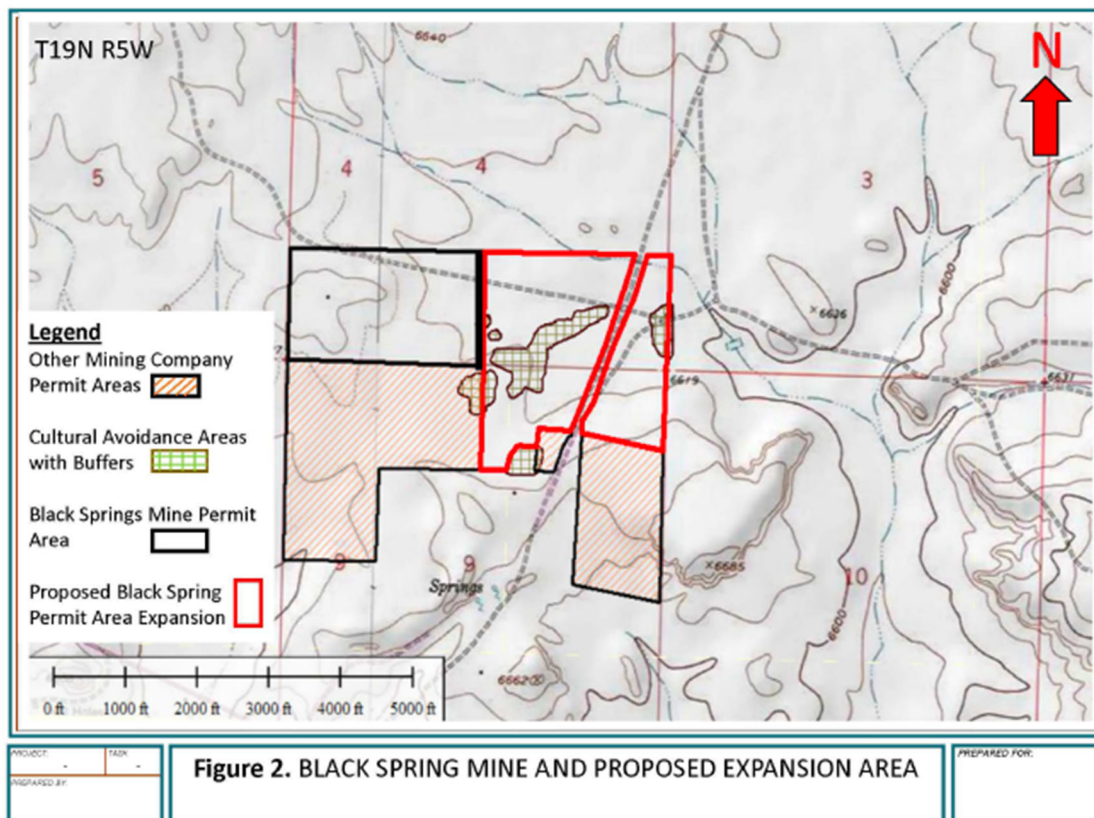
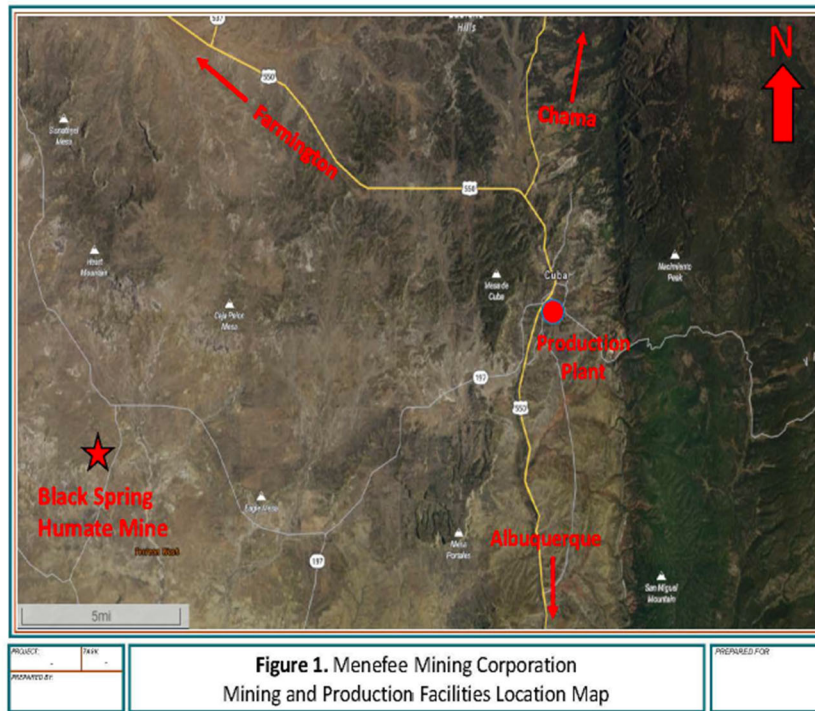
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P.O. Box 194
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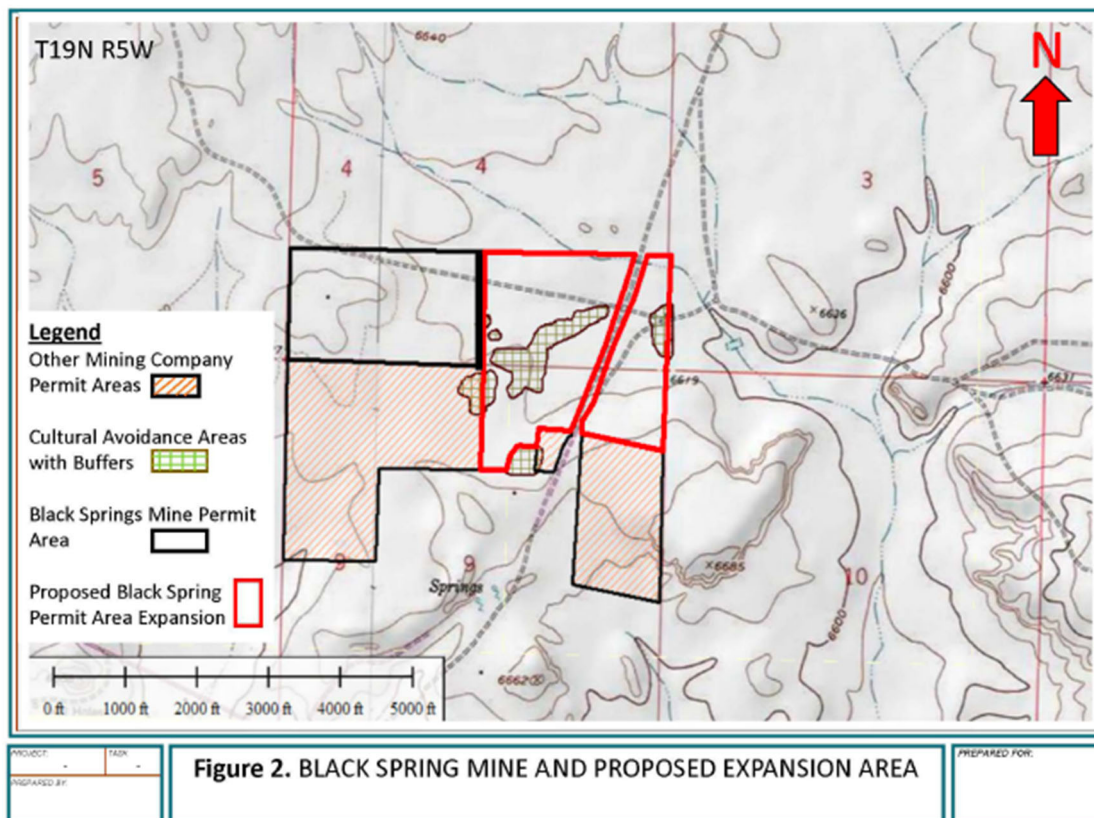
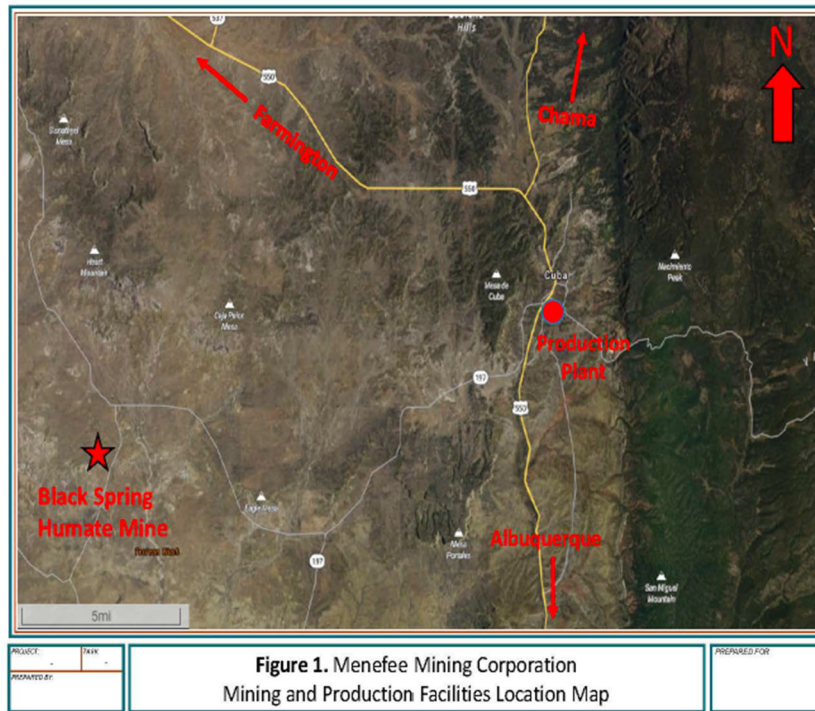
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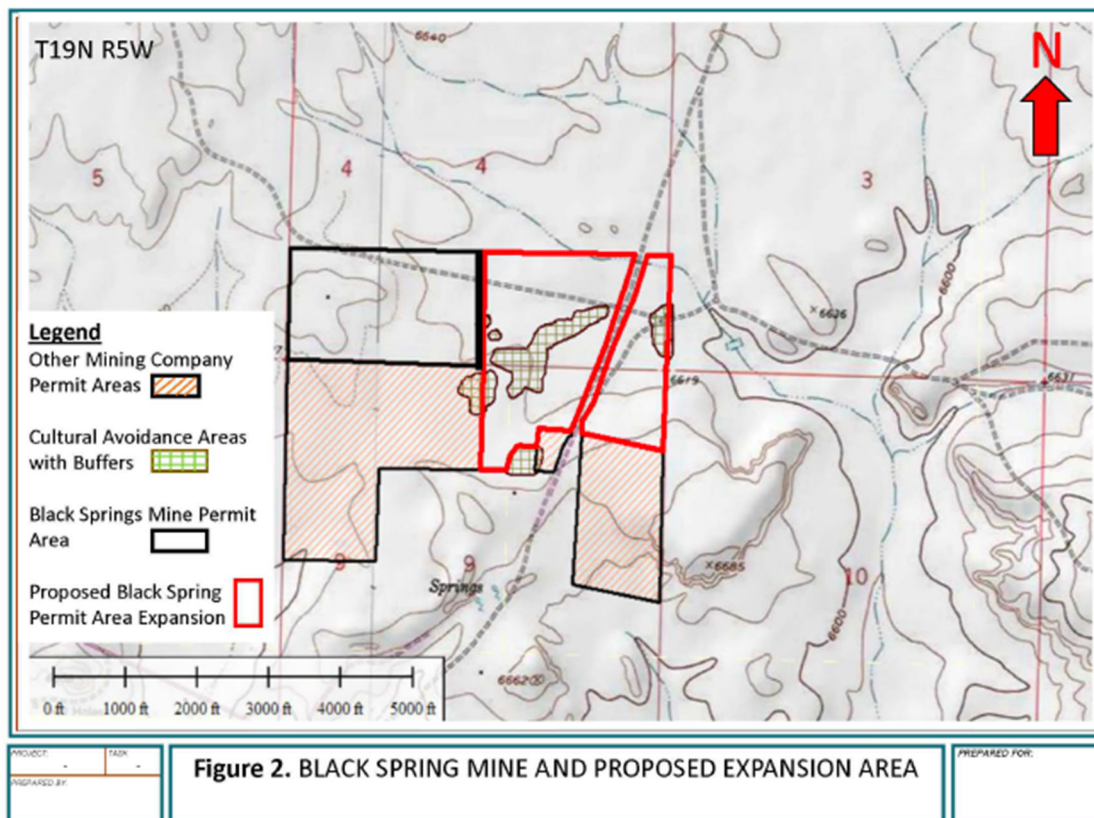
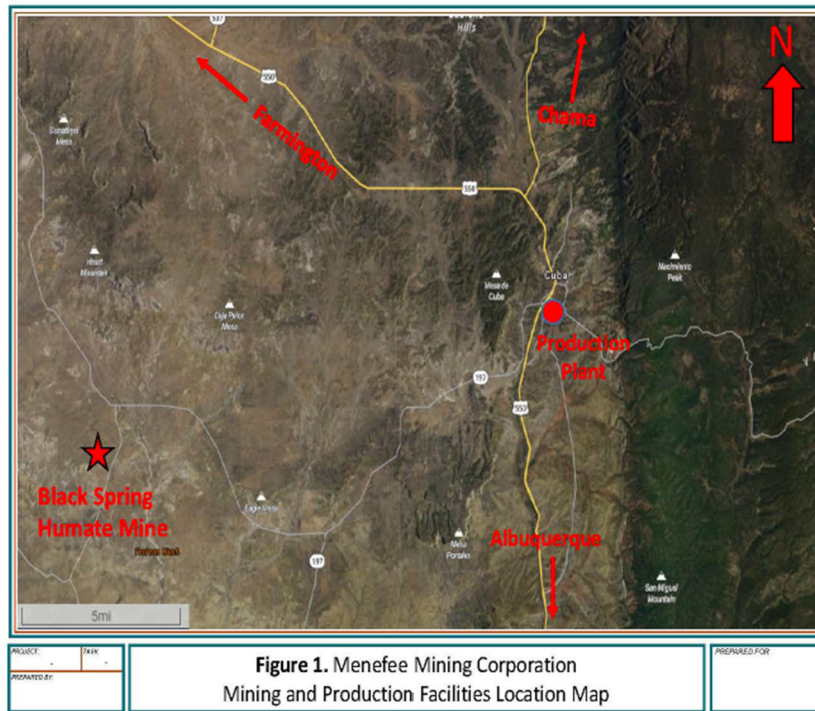
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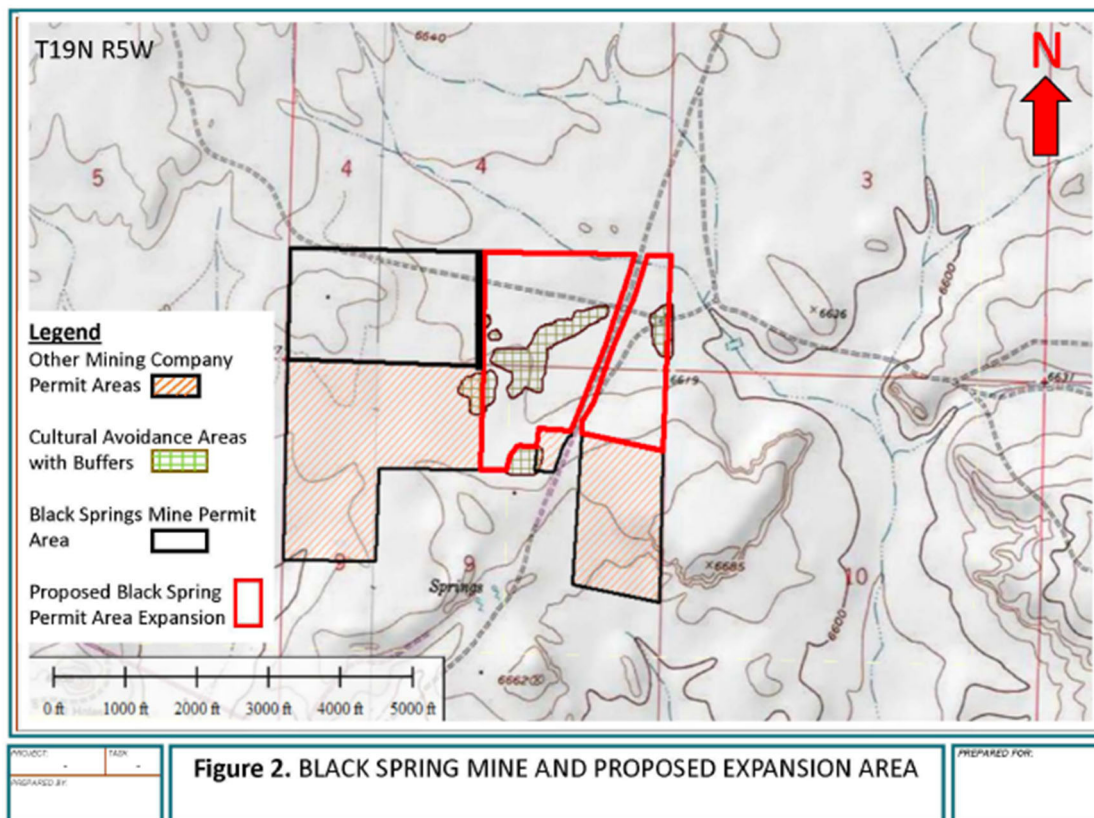
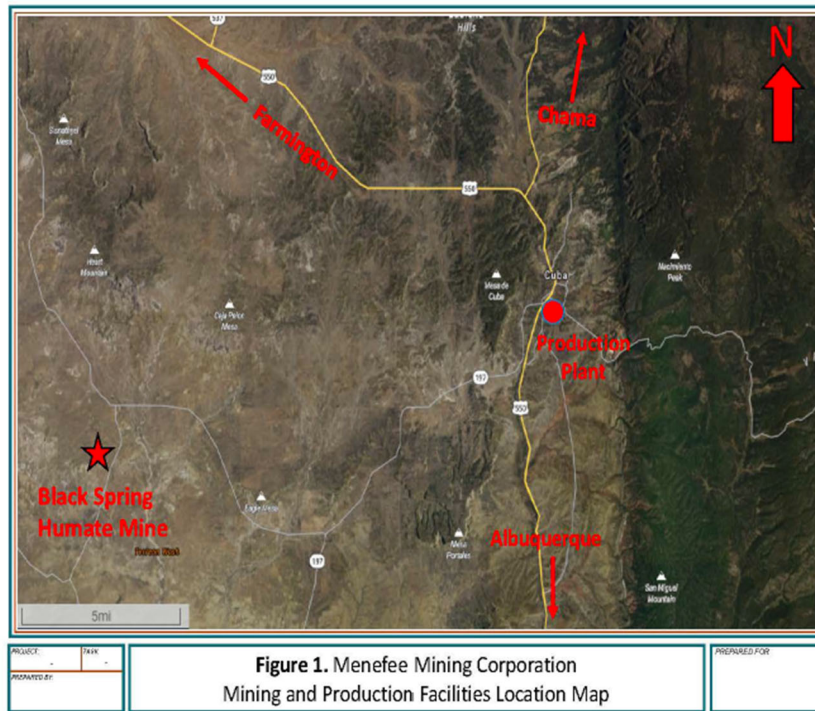
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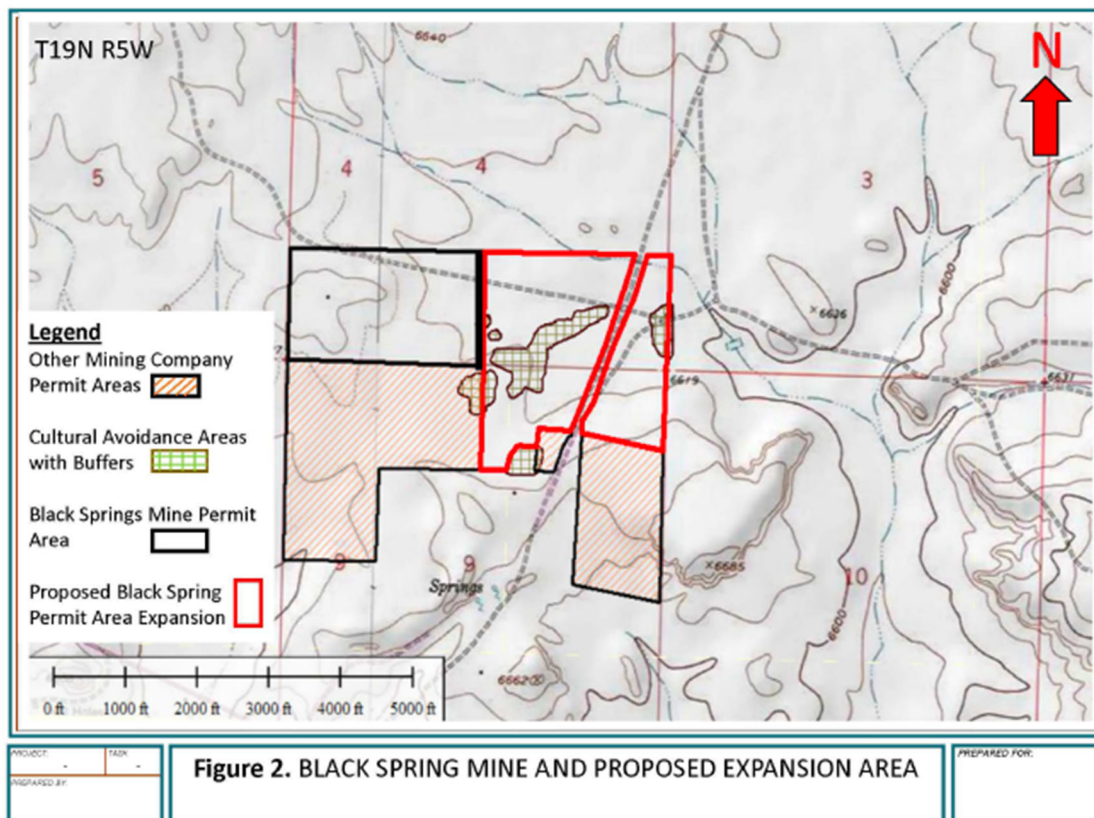
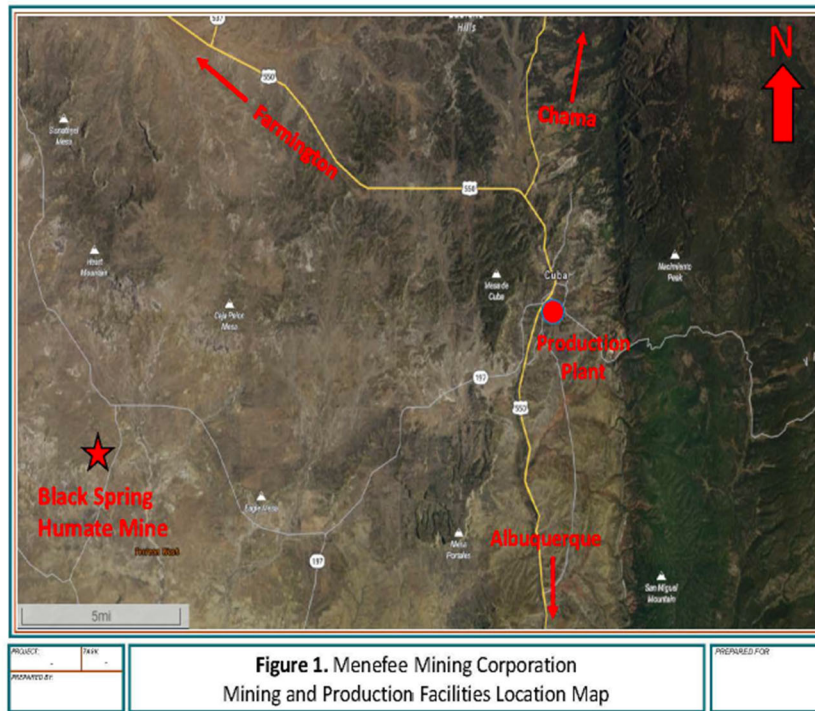
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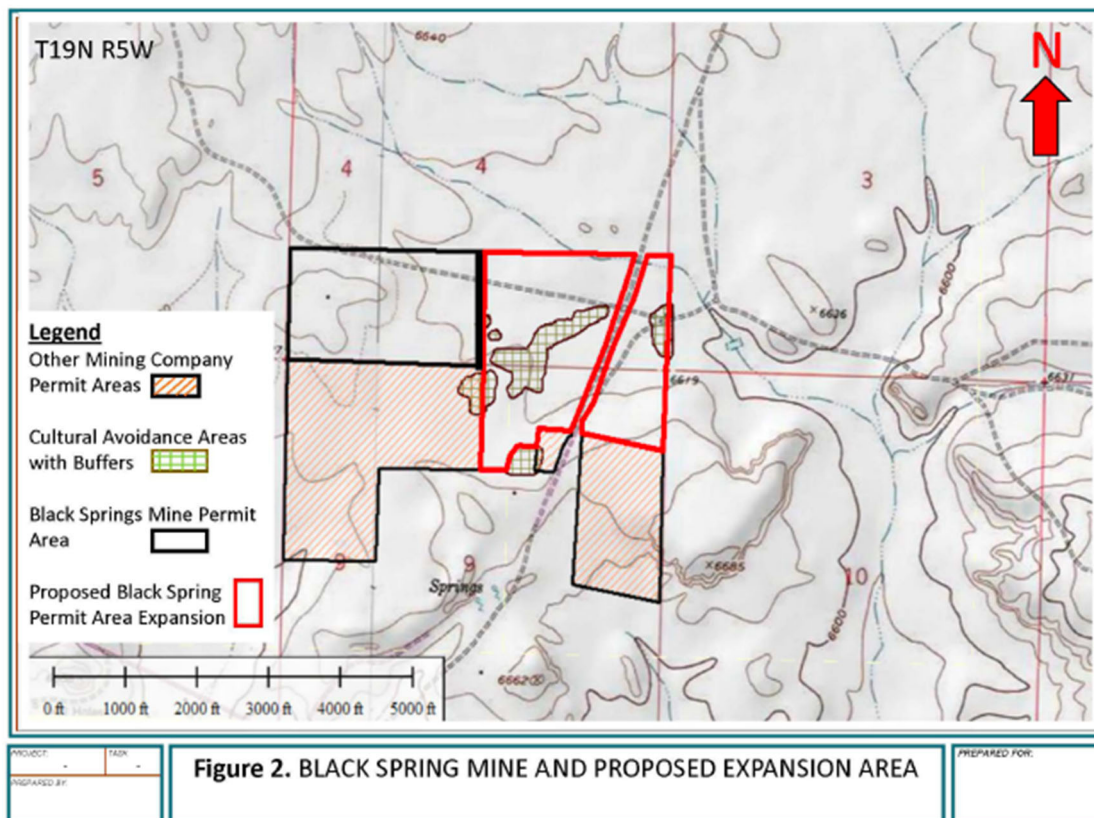
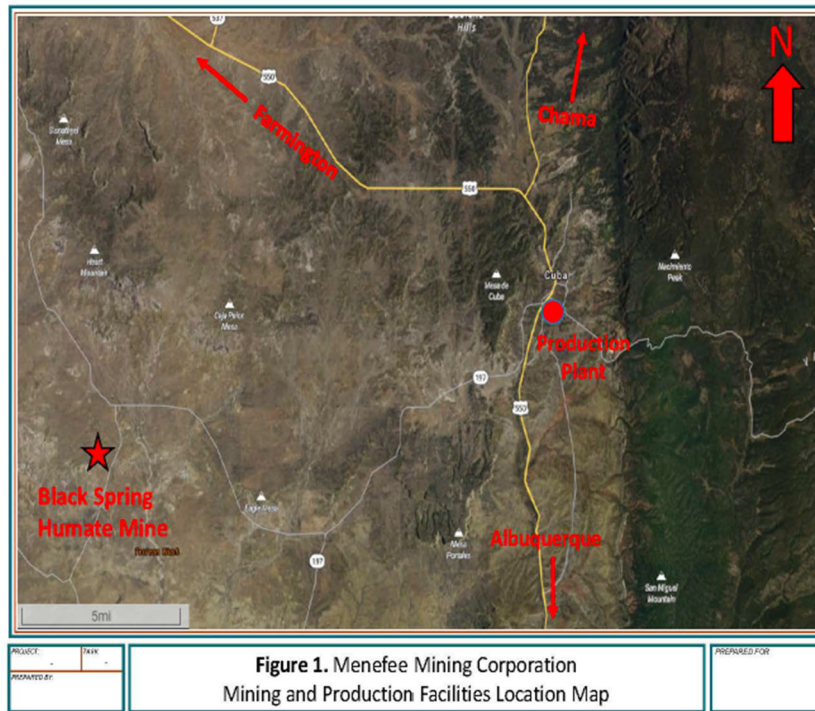
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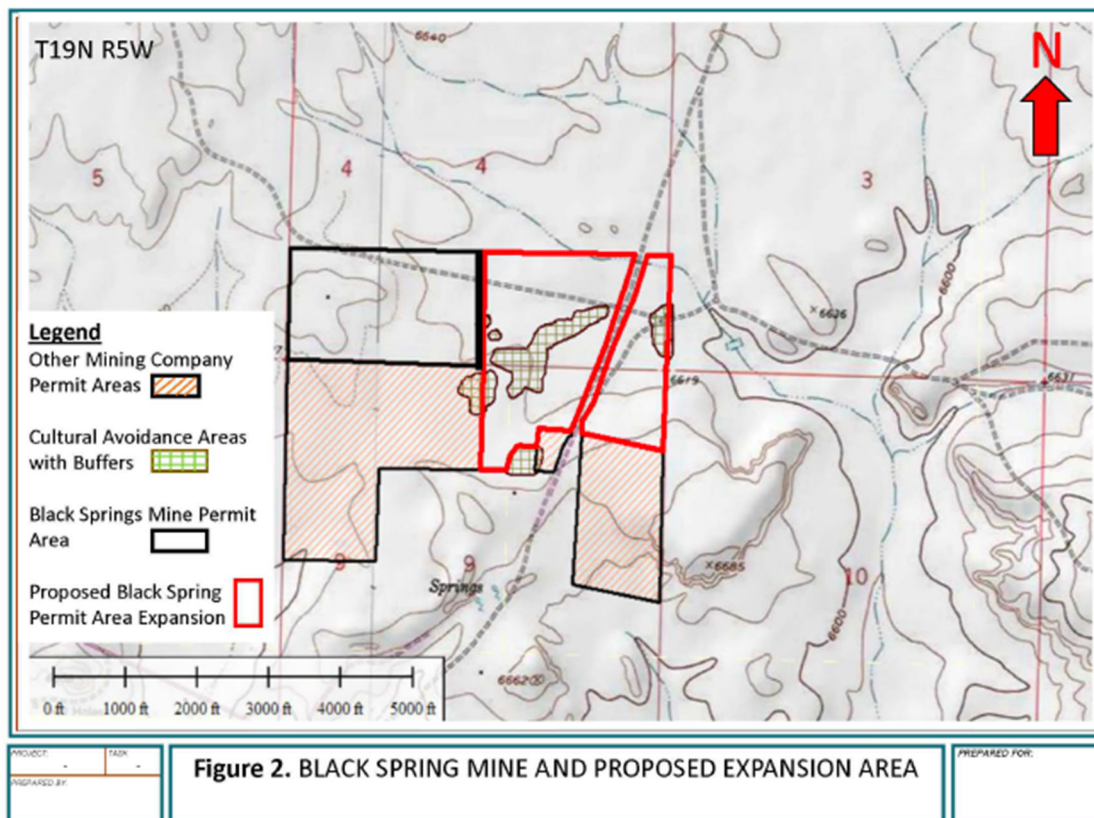
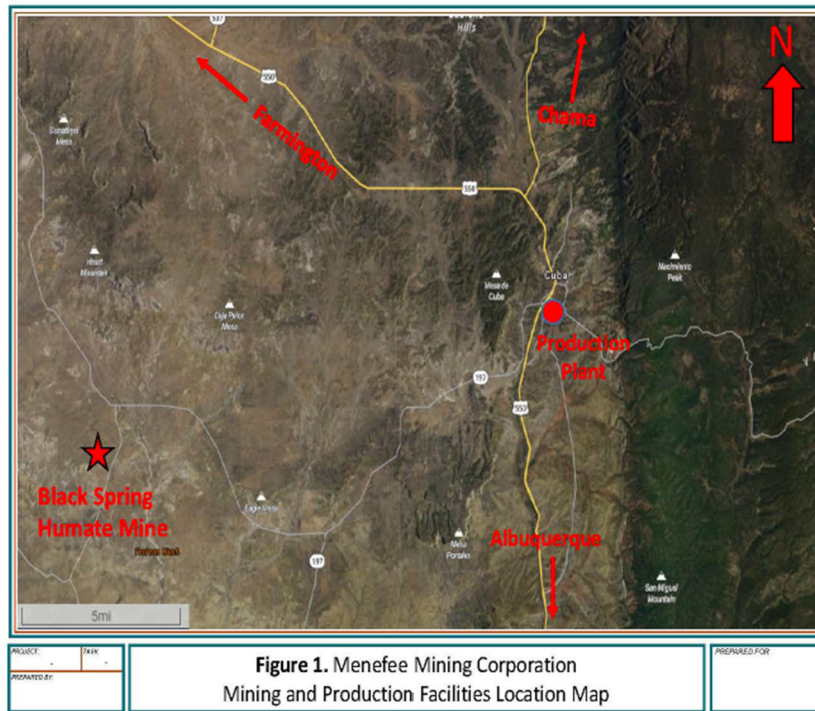
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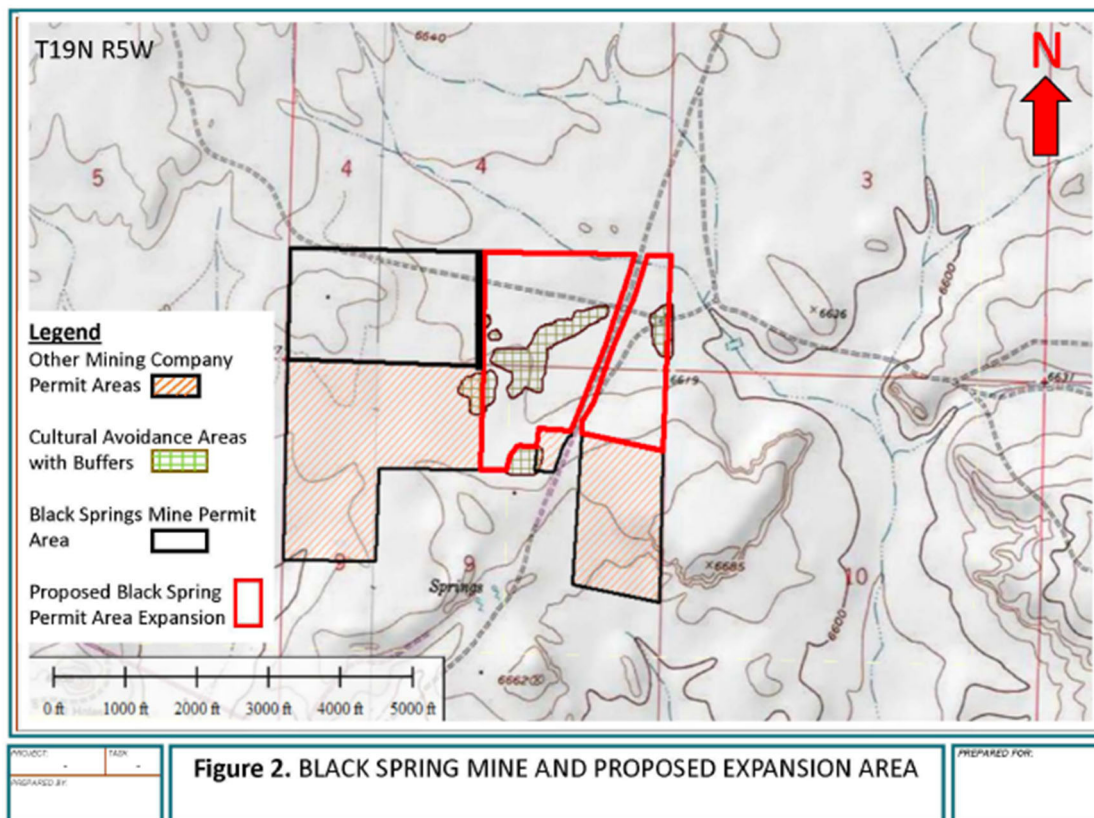
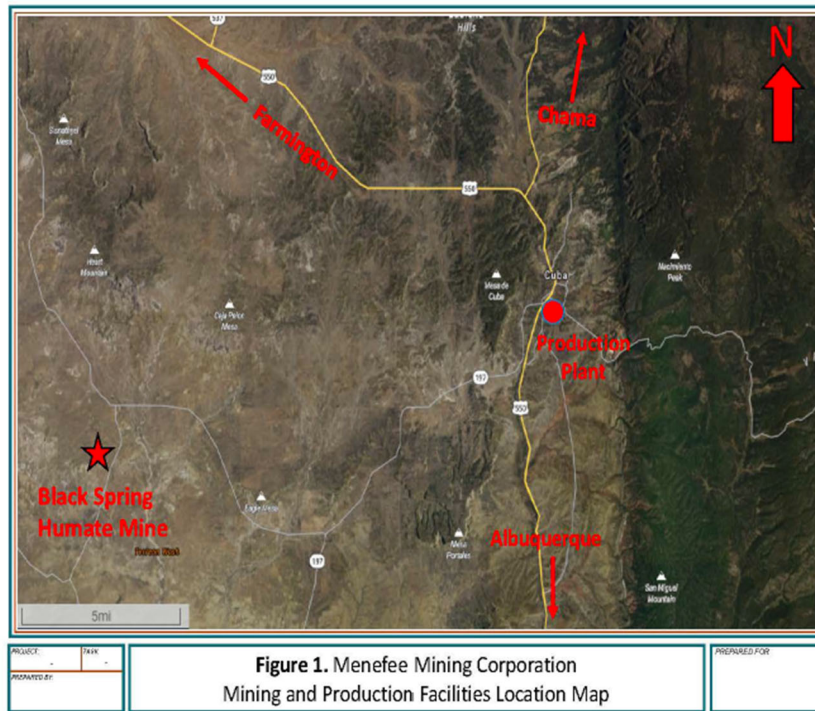
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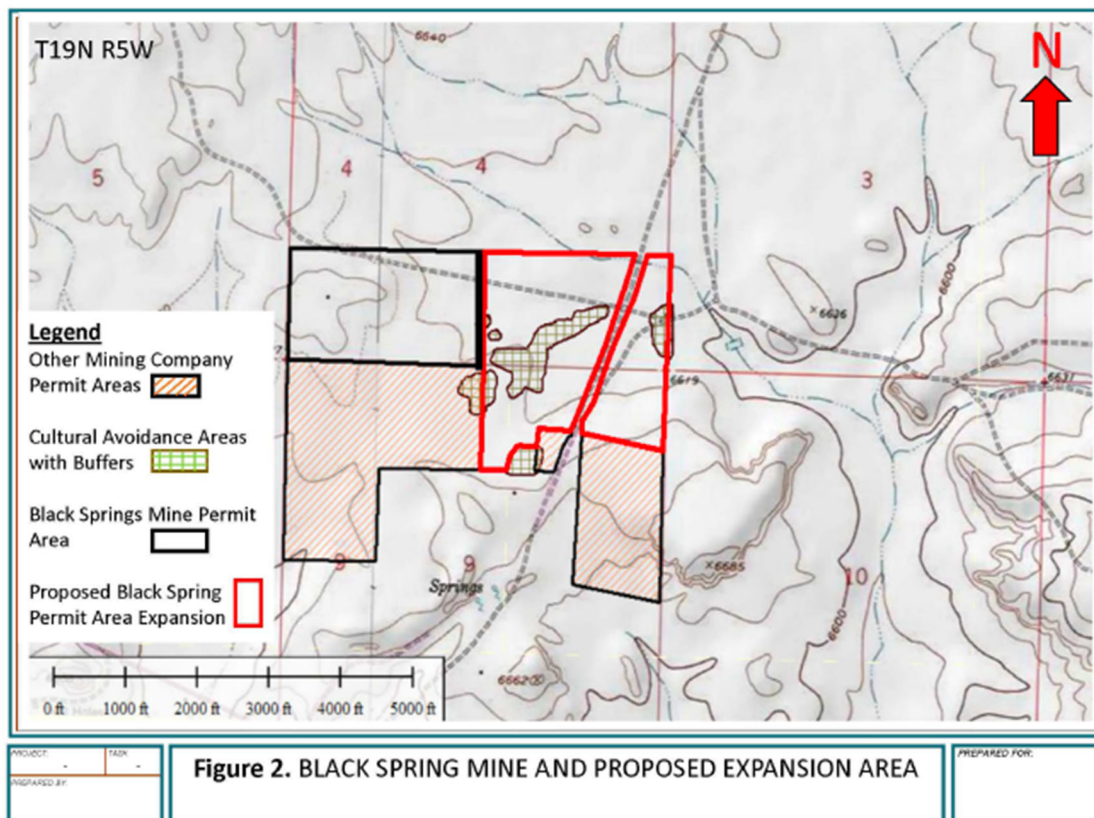
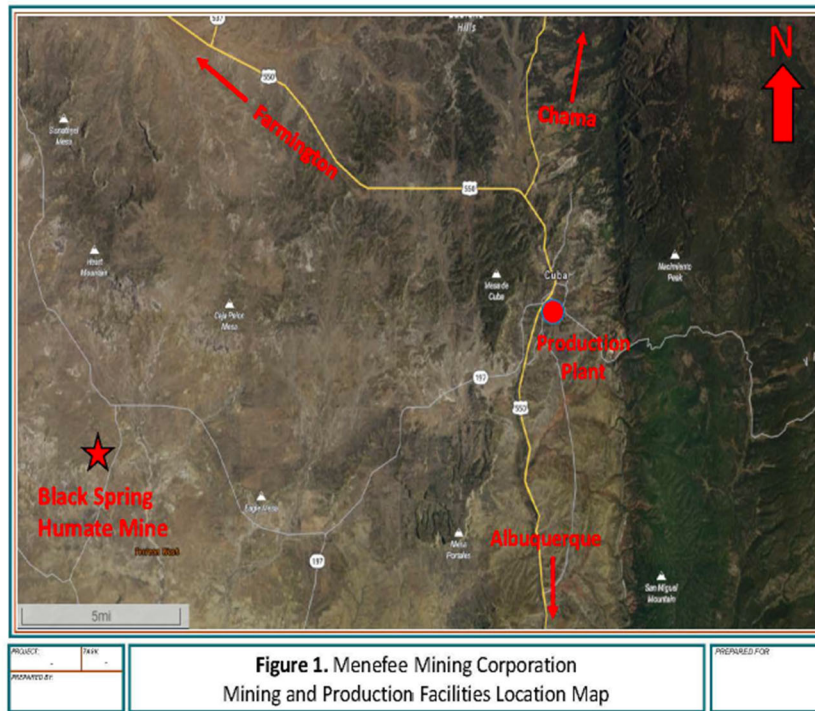
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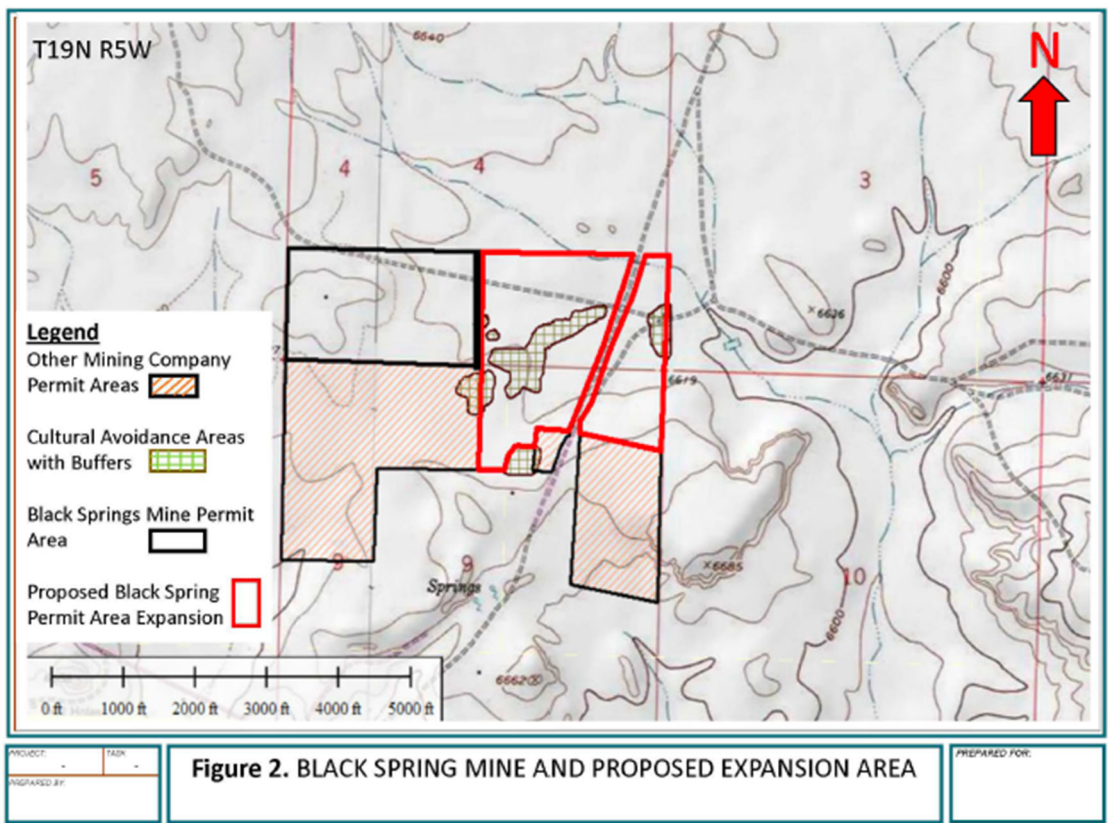
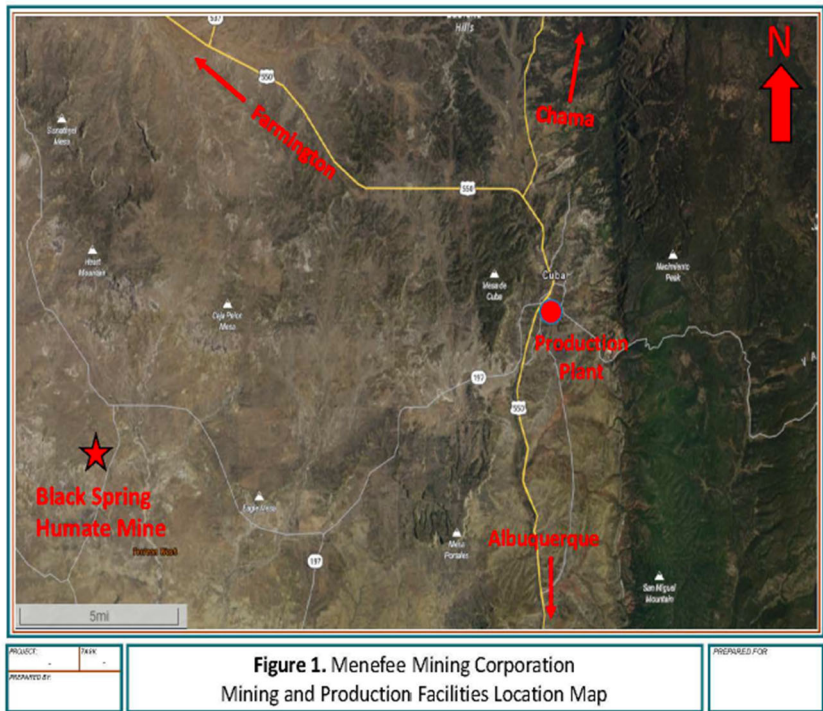
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