



# Gila Resources Information Project

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August 30, 2014

Holland Shepherd, Program Manager  
Mining Act Reclamation Program/Mining and Minerals Division  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Public Hearing Request, Application to Revise Little Rock Mine Permit GR007RE to Include Pit Expansion**

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

The Gila Resources Information Project would like to request a public hearing for Freeport-McMoRan's request to revise the Little Rock Mine Permit GR007RE to modify the approved design limit and permit area to include an expansion of the existing Little Rock Pit.

We believe that a public hearing should be conducted for this project given new land disturbance outside of the current permit boundary, potential for increased groundwater contamination given pit expansion, and adequacy of reclamation plans to achieve a self-sustaining ecosystem at the site post-reclamation. It is also critical for the public to have an opportunity to provide input to this permit given its revision and approval under the new copper rule.

We thank you for consideration of our request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allyson Siwik".

Allyson Siwik  
Executive Director

Cc: David Otori, Permit Lead, MMD  
Keith Ehlert, Permit Lead, NMED