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Ms. Trais Kliphuis, Director
New Mexico Environment Department
Resource Protection Division
P. O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Ms. Kliphuis:

Re: Request for Extension to Comment Period for the Ecological Risk Assessment, Hanover/Whitewater Creek Investigation Unit (HWCIU).

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino) requests an extension for providing comments on the *Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA), Hanover/Whitewater Creek Investigation Unit* as per the Chino Administrative Order on Consent (AOC), Article XIV, Section A. Chino received this report from New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) ERA consultant Formation on April 20, 2015. The current response period for comment submittal is May 19, 2015. Chino requests an additional 30 days to formulate comments for submittal to the NMED by June 18, 2015. An extended comment period is needed to review the revised ERA in order to coincide with the public review period beginning the week of May 18, 2015 as well as to review and respond to the anticipated letter from NMED documenting their response to Chino comments on the draft ERA received in a letter dated May 10, 2013.

Please contact Mr. Ned Hall at (520) 393-2292 if you have any questions regarding this extension request. Your consideration and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sherry Burt-Kested'.

Sherry Burt-Kested, Manager
Environmental Services

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