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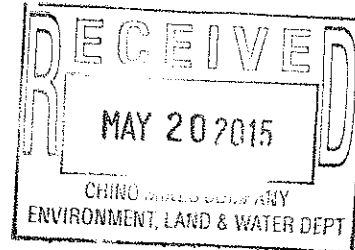
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RE: Approval of Request for Comment Period Extension for Ecological Risk Assessment, Hanover/Whitewater Creek Investigation Unit (HWCIU), Chino Administrative Order on Consent

Dear Ms. Burt-Kested,

The Ground Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed your request dated May 12, 2015 for an extension of time for review and comment on the Ecological Risk Assessment for the Hanover/Whitewater Creek Investigation Unit (HWCIU). NMED concurs that this request may be granted under Article XIV, Section A per the Chino Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) and approves your request to extend the comment period thirty (30) days to coincide with the public review comment period.

Therefore, submittal of comments to the NMED for the Ecological Risk Assessment, Hanover/Whitewater Creek Investigation Unit (HWCIU) is due by June 18, 2015.

Sincerely,

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