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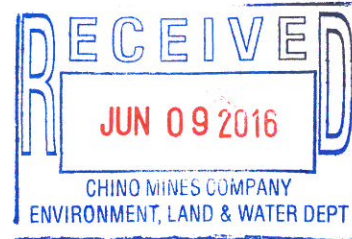


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Ms. Sherry Burt-Kested, Manager
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**RE: Response to Extension of Time Request for Supplemental Completion Report
Razorback Ridge Area Interim Remedial Action Smelter/Tailing Soils Investigation Unit
(STSIU) dated June 3, 2016, Chino Administrative Order on Consent.**

Dear Ms. Burt-Kested:

The Ground Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the above referenced extension of time request dated June 3, 2016. 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 due date an additional fifteen (15) days.

Therefore, submittal of the revised report to the NMED is due by June 30, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact me at (575) 956-1550.

Sincerely,

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