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Ms. Sherry Burt-Kested, Manager
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RE: Approval of Vegetation Monitoring Report, Groundhog Mine Site and Small Historic Stockpile Sites Interim Remedial Action, dated September 30, 2016, Chino Administrative Order on Consent, HWCIU.

Dear Ms. Burt-Kested:

The Ground Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received and reviewed the above referenced report dated September 30, 2016. The report has been reviewed by NMED and the general public during the 30-day public comment period, which ended on February 17, 2017. NMED required revisions to the report in a letter dated June 13, 2017. FMI-Chino provided a written response dated July 21, 2017.

NMED finds the revisions satisfactory and approves the above reference report as amended.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (575) 956-1550.

Sincerely,

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