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Mr. Bruce Yurdin, Director
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Dear Mr. Yurdin:

Re: Request for Extension for Response to NMED Comments on the
Year 5 Report on pH Monitoring to Evaluate the Effect of the
White Rain on the Smelter Tailing Soils Investigative Unit – Chino AOC

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino) requests an extension of an additional 30 days in order to respond to New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) comment letter dated November 16, 2017 on the *Year 5 Report on pH Monitoring to Evaluate the Effect of the White Rain on the Smelter Tailing Soils Investigative Unit (STSIU) under the Chino Administrative Order on Consent (AOC)*. The requested extension would require Chino to provide their response by January 19, 2018. This request is submitted per the AOC, Article XIV, Section A.

Please contact Ms. Alicia Voss at (602) 366-8049 with any questions regarding this extension request. Your consideration and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sherry Burt-Kested, Manager
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