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Mr. Bruce Yurdin, Director
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Dear Mr. Yurdin:

Re: 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) received the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) comment letter dated September 18, 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)*. Chino submitted the White Rain Report to NMED on April 14, 2017 following an informal review process and two teleconference discussions on November 2, 2016 and March 3, 2017.

Following the last teleconference, Chino updated the informal review process via our responses to the comments provided by NMED and inadvertently omitted providing the updated response to NMED comments and apologizes for this lapse. The responses to comments document was provided by email today to Mr. David Mercer and hopefully will address NMED's concerns.

Please contact Ms. Alicia Voss at (602) 366-8049 with any questions or comments concerning this report.

Sincerely,



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