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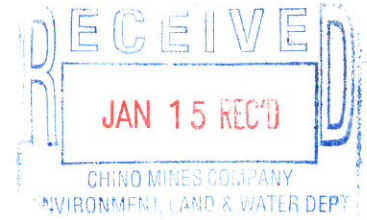


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January 9, 2018

Ms. Sherry Burt-Kested, Manager
Environment Services
Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company
P.O. Box 10
Bayard, New Mexico 88023



RE: Approved request for a 30-day extension of time to respond to NMED Comments on the Year 5 Report on pH Monitoring to Evaluate the Effect of the White Rain on the Smelter/Tailing Soil Investigation Unit dated December 20, 2017, Chino Administrative Order on Consent

Dear Ms. Burt-Kested:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has reviewed your request referenced above and approves the extension request for a period of thirty days. This extension affords Chino until January 19, 2018 to provide their response to NMED's comments. If you have any questions, please contact me at (575) 956-1550.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Mercer".

David Mercer, Chino AOC Project Manager
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