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Sherry Burt-Kested, Manager  
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**RE: Approval- Revised B Ranch Interim Removal Action Completion Report Smelter Tailings Investigation Unit, dated April 30, 2021, Chino Administrative Order on Consent.**

Dear Sherry Burt-Kested:

The Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the B Ranch Interim Removal Action Completion Report (Report) dated November 13, 2020 from Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino). NMED reviewed the Report and requested additional information in a letter dated March 31, 2021. Chino submitted additional information in the form of responses to NMED comments along with a revised Report on April 30, 2021.

NMED has reviewed the response to comments and revised Report and hereby approves the Revised B-Ranch Interim Removal Action Completion Report.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 372-8545.  
Sincerely,

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