



MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

JAMES C. KENNEY
CABINET SECRETARY

Electronic Transmission

November 19, 2021

Sherry Burt-Kested
Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company
P.O. Box 10
Bayard, NM 88023

RE: Approval of the Interim Removal Action Completion Report, Hanover Whitewater Creek Investigation Unit (HWCIU), Vanadium, New Mexico, June 2021, Chino AOC

Dear Sherry Burt-Kested:

The Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the Interim Removal Action Completion Report, Hanover/Whitewater Creek Investigation Unit, Chino Administrative Order on Consent dated June 2021 from Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino). NMED has reviewed the Report and hereby approves the Interim Removal Action Completion Report.

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

Sincerely,

David W. Mercer, Chino AOC Project Manager
Mining Environmental Compliance Section
Ground Water Quality Bureau

DM

cc: Petra Sanchez, USEPA (via email)
Kurt Vollbrecht, NMED (via email)
Joe Fox, NMED (via email)
Mike Steward, Freeport-McMoRan Inc. (via email)
Pam Pinson, Freeport-McMoRan Inc. (via email)
Joe Allen, Formation Inc. (via email)

SCIENCE | INNOVATION | COLLABORATION | COMPLIANCE

Ground Water Quality Bureau | 1190 Saint Francis Drive, PO Box 5469, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469

Telephone (505) 827-2900 | www.env.nm.gov/gwqb/