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Sherry Burt-Kested
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RE: Approval of Request for Extension of Time, Response to Comments on the Draft Feasibility Study, Lampbright Investigation Unit (LIU), Chino AOC

Dear Sherry Burt-Kested:

The Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the request for extension of time dated June 11, 2025, from Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino) and a follow-up email request to extend the deadline received on July 25, 2025. NMED has reviewed the requests and hereby approves the extension of time. The response to comments on the LIU Draft Feasibility Study will now be due by August 8, 2025, as requested.

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

Sincerely,

David W Mercer

David W. Mercer, Chino AOC Project Manager
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