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RE: Approval of Request for Extension of Time, Response to Comments on the Draft Feasibility Study, Smelter Tailings Soils Investigation Unit (STSIU), 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 July 14, 2025, from Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino). NMED has reviewed the request and hereby approves the extension of time. The response to comments on the STSIU Draft Feasibility Study will now be due by September 21, 2025, as requested.

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

Sincerely,

David W Mercer

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