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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 5, 2013

Mr. Joe Lister, Mine Manager
Mount Taylor Mine
Rio Grande Resources Corporation
P.O. Box 1150
Grants, NM 87020

RE: Closeout Plan Application Administratively Complete, Mount Taylor Mine, Revision 13-1, Permit No. CI002RE

Dear Mr. Lister,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") has received submittals from Rio Grande Resources Corporation ("RGR") including letters, dated February 5, 2013 and January 31, 2013, with public notice information, and a permit revision application fee; and an updated closeout/closure plan dated July 27, 2012. MMD has conducted a review of these submittals ("Application") and in accordance with 19.10.5.506.D NMAC, MMD is hereby notifying RGR that the Application is administratively complete.

In accordance with 19.10.5.506.F NMAC, RGR shall within 30-days of receipt of this letter, give notice that the Application has been deemed administratively complete by first class mail to parties that have indicated to RGR that they are interested in information regarding the Application and to a list of parties maintained by MMD who have requested notice of the Application, pursuant to 19.10.9.903.I NMAC.

MMD may require additional information from RGR while conducting the technical review of the Application pursuant to 19.10.5.506.G NMAC.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 476-3432, or at david.ohori@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

David Ohori, Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MARF")

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARP Program Manager
Kurt Vollbrecht, Mining Environmental Compliance Section, NMED
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Mine File (CI002RE)