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March 8, 2013

Mr. Eric Jantz, Esquire  
New Mexico Environmental Law Center  
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Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Request for Public Hearing, Closeout Plan & Financial Assurance Update, Revision 13-1, Mount Taylor Mine, Rio Grande Resources Corporation, Permit No. CI002RE**

Dear Mr. Jantz:

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") received your letter, dated February 25, 2013, requesting a public hearing for the application for Revision 13-1 to Permit No. CI002RE, for the Mount Taylor Mine, operated by Rio Grande Resources, located in Cibola County, New Mexico.

MMD will conduct a public hearing on the application for Revision 13-1. The date for the hearing has not yet been set. MMD will give notice of the hearing, however, pursuant to 19.10.9.904.B NMAC.

We thank you for the comments in your letter. Written comments may be submitted up to the close of the hearing record, and you are welcome to submit further detail regarding your concerns.

Sincerely,

Fernando Martinez, Director  
Mining and Minerals Division

cc: Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MARF")  
Mark Smith, Assistant General Counsel, EMNRD  
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Mine File (CI002RE)