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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 4, 2013

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

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

Dear Mr. Lister,

This letter responds to a submittal from Rio Grande Resources Corporation ("RGR") entitled, "Mt. Taylor Mine Closeout/Closure Plan, Updated July 2012" ("Updated Closeout Plan"), dated July 27, 2012. The submittal was in fulfillment of the condition that is set forth in Section 8.BB of the January 30, 2012 standby renewal (Permit Revision 10-1 to Permit No. CI002RE) for the Mount Taylor Mine. The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") has reviewed the Updated Closeout Plan and has determined, pursuant to 19.10.5.505 NMAC, that it will process the Updated Closeout Plan as a revision to Permit No. CI002RE.

RGR shall submit to MMD a permit revision application fee of \$5,000 and publish public notice of the application to revise Permit No. CI002RE in accordance with 19.10.9 NMAC within 30 days of receipt of this letter. RGR shall provide proof of public notification to MMD pursuant to 19.10.9.903 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
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