



PUEBLO OF ISLETA

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March 18, 2013

Fernando Martinez, Director
State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Mr. Martinez:

This letter is in response to your letter regarding the proposed Closeout/Closure Plan for the Mount Taylor Mine located in Mount Taylor, Cibola County, NM.

I am pleased to inform you that this project will not have an impact on religious or cultural sites affiliated with the Pueblo of Isleta.

However, in the event that discoveries are found during the project, we would appreciate being advised of such findings. Please forward all environmental assessment plans to our office.

Thank you for your consideration in contacting this office to express our concerns.

Sincerely,

PUEBLO OF ISLETA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Paul Torres".

E. Paul Torres
Governor



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MINING & MINERALS DIVISION

Mr. Fernando Martinez
Director, Mining and Minerals Division
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

March 14, 2013

Re: Mt. Taylor Mine Closeout/Closure Plan

Dear Mr. Martinez:

I wish to submit my comments on RGR's "updated Closeout/Closure Plan."

1. There should be no more delay in the remediations listed. RGR needs to take responsibility for stopping the continuing contamination of soil, water and air.
2. The covering of "mine water treatment ponds" is not adequate for the protection on surface and ground waters. This liquid along with the soil beneath the ponds must be trucked away.
3. All stockpiles need to be tested for radium and polluting metals and trucked away for proper disposal.
4. Too often the enforcement by state and federal agencies of regulatory requirements as mandated by legislation fail to go beyond the required. But these standards usually are tainted by political agendas and fall short of what is needed for the protection of the public and environment. I am hoping this will no longer be the case with any delays allowed by the "standby permit" which RGR is irresponsibly "enjoying" to the detriment of the residents of North and Central New Mexico.

Please demand immediate cleanup of this Mt. Taylor Mine!

Sincerely,



Don Hyde
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Gallup NM 87305