

**Public Notice:
Copper Flat Mine Public Hearing**

CANCELLED & RESCHEDULED

The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Mining and Minerals Division hereby gives notice that the public hearing for the Copper Flat Mine originally scheduled for **August 21 and 22, 2018** is **CANCELLED**.

The public hearing is **RESCHEDULED** for **October 23 and 24, 2018, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm** with two additional days scheduled for **October 25 and 26, 2018, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm**, if needed, as determined by the Hearing Officer presiding over the public hearing.

The location of the public hearing is the **Albert J. Lyons Event Center, 2953 S. Broadway Street, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, 87901**.

The Permit Application Package and Draft Environmental Evaluation for the Copper Flat Mine are available for review at the MMD Office in Santa Fe, NM, and may also be viewed on the MMD website at <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/mmd/MARP/PermitSI027RN.html>

Comments regarding the Copper Flat Mine application for a New Mining Operation permit may be submitted to the Mining and Minerals Director at the following address:

Director, Mining and Minerals Division
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Or by email at: EMNRD-MMD.Director@state.nm.us

Any interested party may submit written comments regarding the application to the MMD Director. **The public comment period will be closed immediately after the public hearing and no further comments from the public will be considered after October 26, 2018.**

The public hearing is on the Permit Application Package and Draft Environmental Evaluation in consideration of issuing a new mine permit for the Copper Flat Mine, Sierra County, New Mexico. The applicant for the permit is New Mexico Copper Corporation (“NMCC”), a wholly owned subsidiary of THEMAC Resources Group Limited. The Copper Flat Mine is located in Sierra County, approximately 30 miles southwest of Truth or Consequences and 5 miles northeast of Hillsboro.

The purpose of the public hearing is to give the public an opportunity to learn about and comment on the requested New Mining Operation permit for the Copper Flat Mine. A hearing officer will conduct the hearing on behalf of MMD and, pursuant to NM Mining Act Rule 19.10.9.905 NMAC, will have authority to take all measures necessary for the maintenance of order and decorum, and for the efficient, fair and impartial presentation of the requested New Mining Operation permit for the Copper Flat Mine and the receiving of public comments. The public hearing is not adjudicatory and no final decisions regarding the application will be made

at the public hearing, nor will the hearing officer provide any recommendations to the MMD at the conclusion of the hearing. Rather, the hearing officer will provide MMD with a summary report that will summarize both technical and non-technical comments taken at the hearing so that the MMD Director may consider social, economic, technical and other issues that are raised at the public hearing. Any interested persons may provide verbal or written comments at the public hearing.

Representatives of NMCC will provide a presentation of the requested New Mining Operation permit for the Copper Flat Mine. Afterwards, opportunity for public comments will be offered. Any interested person may testify at the hearing. A person who wants to present testimony should indicate this desire on the sign-in sheet before the hearing begins. Any person who testifies at the hearing is subject to cross-examination on the subject matter of his direct testimony. Any person attending the hearing is entitled to conduct such cross-examination as may be required for full disclosure of matters at issue in the hearing. The hearing officer may limit cross-examination to avoid harassment, intimidation, needless expenditure of time or undue repetition. All testimony will be taken under oath or affirmation.