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October 28, 2013

Mr. David Otori, Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARP)
Mining and Minerals Division/EMNRD
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**Re: Request for Public Hearing – Tyrone Closure/Closeout Plan Update Permit
GR010RE Revision 09-1**

Dear Mr. Otori:

On behalf of the Gila Resources Information Project, I would like to request a public hearing on the latest iteration of the Tyrone Closure/Closeout Plan. It is critical for the public to understand how Freeport-McMoRan intends to closeout the Tyrone mine and protect groundwater quality given the Tyrone Settlement and recent “Copper Rules.” New Mexicans are very concerned about protection of the state’s natural resources from mining activities and it is incumbent upon the mine operator and the Mining and Minerals Division to demonstrate that the latest version of the closure/closeout plan will adequately protect ground and surface water quality, air quality, and restore the mine site to the appropriate post-mining land use.

We thank you for consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Allyson Siwik
Executive Director