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Subject: Response to Agency Comments to RGR's Application for Mine Standby Status

Mr. Otori:

Rio Grande Resources (RGR) is in receipt of your letter concerning the Review of Application for Renewal of Standby Status, Permit Revision 10-1, Mt. Taylor Mine, Permit No. CI002RE, dated September 29, 2010.

RGR has scheduled a meeting with Mary Ann Menetrey and Jerry Shoepner, New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to discuss their concerns and issues with the potential contribution from the unreclaimed waste rock pile at the site to saturated alluvium in the area. This meeting is currently scheduled for November 9, 2010 at 10:30 AM in the NMED-GWQB conference room. The goal of the meeting is to concur on a plan that will allow NMED to provide the written determination that environmental standards will be met over the proposed period for mine standby status.

RGR is continuing to try to schedule a meeting with New Mexico Department Game and Fish (NMDGF) to discuss their concerns and issues. To date we have not received a response from Rachel Jankowitz, NMDGF point-of-contact.

If you have any questions, please call 505-287-7971. Thank you for your assistance in preparation of this application.

Respectfully submitted,
Rio Grande Resources Corporation

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