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December 12, 2011

Chairman Ronnie Lupe
White Mountain Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 700
Whiteriver AZ, 85941

**RE: Notice of Intent to Approve Permit Revision 10-1, Standby Status Renewal,
Mount Taylor Mine, Permit No. CI002RE**

Dear Chairman Lupe,

On July 22, 2010, the Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department notified the White Mountain Apache Tribe about an application from Rio Grande Resources Corporation ("RGR") for renewal of standby status for the Mount Taylor Mine under 19.10.7 of the New Mexico Mining Act (NMSA 1978, §69-36-1 et seq.).

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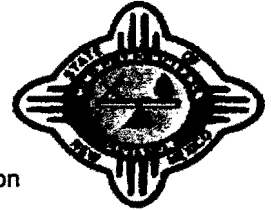
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President Ben Shelly
Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 9000
Window Rock, AZ 86515

**RE: Notice of Intent to Approve Permit Revision 10-1, Standby Status Renewal,
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Dear President Shelly,

On July 22, 2010, the Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department notified the Navajo Nation about an application from Rio Grande Resources Corporation ("RGR") for renewal of standby status for the Mount Taylor Mine under 19.10.7 of the New Mexico Mining Act (NMSA 1978, §69-36-1 et seq.).

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President Mark Chino
Mescalero Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

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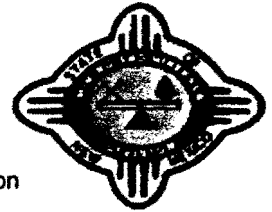
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Governor Richard Luarkie
Pueblo of Laguna
P.O. Box 194
Laguna Pueblo, NM 87026

**RE: Notice of Intent to Approve Permit Revision 10-1, Standby Status Renewal,
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Dear Governor Luarkie,

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Governor Frank Lujan
Pueblo of Isleta
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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Chairman LeRoy N. Shingoitewa
The Hopi Tribe
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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Dear Chairman Shingoitewa,

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Governor Arlen P. Quetawki, Sr.
Pueblo of Zuni
P.O. Box 339
Zuni, NM 87327

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Dear Governor Quetawki,

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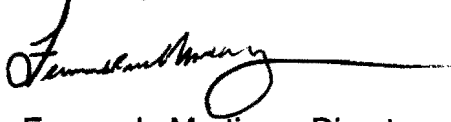


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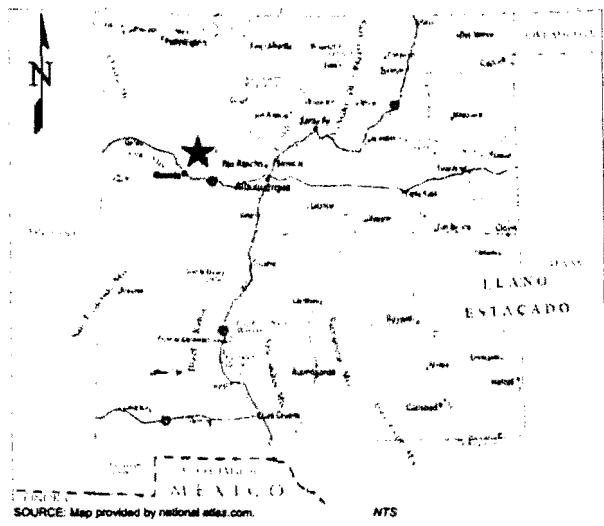
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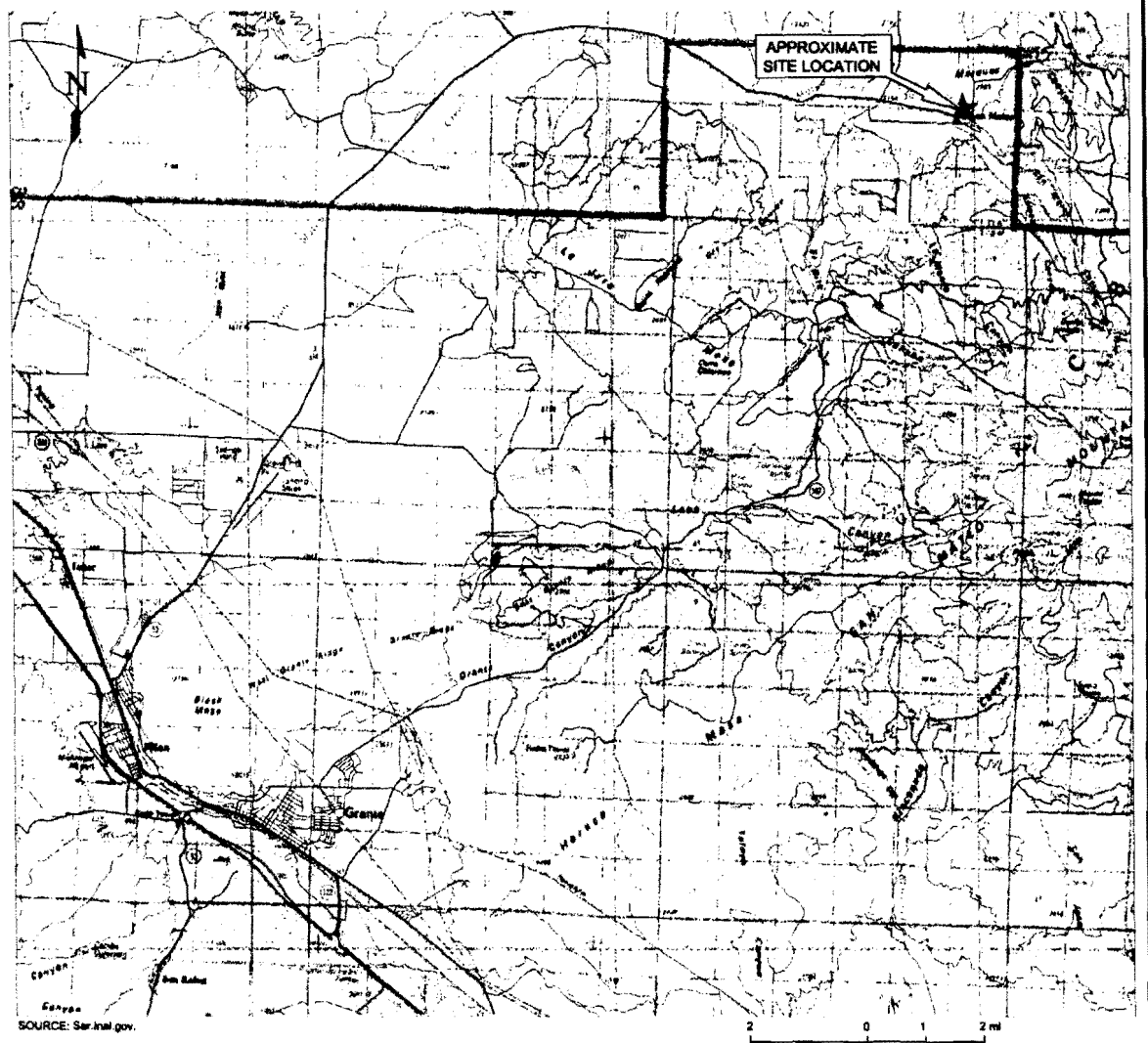
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**RIO GRANDE RESOURCES
 MT TAYLOR MINE STANDBY STATUS
 CIBOLA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**



LEGEND

★ = Site Location



PROJECT NO.	98450	SITE LOCATION MAP		FIGURE 1
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