



June 23, 2015

Dave Clark  
Coal Program Manager  
NM Mining and Minerals Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
87505

Dear Mr. Clark,

Rio Grande Resources is committed to preserving and protecting cultural sites in and around the mine site. As you know, we will be constructing a building adjacent to the existing IX water treatment facility. This building will remove selenium and molybdenum from the mine water at concentrations well below the current release standards.

Rio Grande Resources will commit to a cultural survey prior to any ground disturbance, during any ground disturbance (to include any borrow area if used on site) and will have a consulting archaeologist when below ground surface is disturbed.

Please let me know if there is anything else we need to address.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Joel C. Lister  
Mine Manager  
Mt. Taylor Mine  
Rio Grande Resources Corporation

Cc: Dave Mayerson  
John Hall  
Kurt Vollbrecht