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**NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015 IN SILVER CITY CONCERNING THE TYRONE MINE
STAGE 2 ABATEMENT PLAN PROPOSAL (FREEPORT-MCMORAN COPPER AND
GOLD, TYRONE OPERATIONS)**

WHAT: The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) will hold an informational public meeting to discuss the Stage 2 Abatement Plan Proposal for the Tyrone Mine. The abatement plan proposal includes information pertaining to ground water impacts at the Tyrone Mine and selection and design of abatement options. Potential contaminants in the impacted ground water include sulfate, total dissolved solids (TDS), aluminum, arsenic, cadmium, cobalt, copper, fluoride, iron, manganese, nickel, and zinc. The facility is located about 10 miles south of Silver City off of Highway 90 South in Sections 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, T19S R15W, Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, T18S, R15W, Sections 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, T19S, R14W, and Section 13, T18S, R16W, in Grant County.

WHERE: Global Resource Center, Western New Mexico University, Silver City, New Mexico (located at the back of the university on the corner of Florida Street and West 12th Street).

WHEN: 6:00 to 9:00 PM, Thursday, April 23, 2015

WHY: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the regulatory framework and technical aspects of the Stage 2 Abatement Plan Proposal, and to understand public concerns and answer questions related to proposed abatement options. Interested persons may review the abatement plan proposal at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/gwb/NMED-GWQB-PublicNotice.htm>

WHO: Representatives of the Tyrone Mine and NMED staff will be at the meeting to present a summary of the Tyrone Stage 2 Abatement Plan and answer questions from the public.

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