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RE: Request for Comments, Revision 13-2, Standby to Active Status Application and Updated Closeout/Closure Plan, Mount Taylor Mine, Permit No. CI002RE

Dear Mr. Ehlert:

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") has received responses to agency comments and updated application materials dated December 31, 2013 in support of Rio Grande Resources Corporation ("RGR") Revision 13-2, the application to change the status of Mount Taylor Mine Permit No. CI002RE from standby to active, and to update the closeout/closure plan and financial assurance for the Mount Taylor Mine, located in Cibola County, NM. Pursuant to 19.10.5.505.B(3) and 19.10.5.506.E NMAC, MMD is requesting your agency's comments on the enclosed RGR responses and updated materials pertaining to Revision 13-2.

MMD requests that you provide comments within 60 days after the receipt of this letter. A copy of the RGR responses and updated Revision 13-2 application materials may be viewed at the MMD website at:

http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/CI002RERev13-2.html

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 476-3416 or by email at: david.clark@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mine File (CI002RE)