

State of New Mexico  
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Mr. John Hall, Mining Act Team Leader  
Mining Environmental Compliance Section  
New Mexico Environment Department  
Ground Water Quality Bureau  
P.O. Box 5469  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

**RE: Request for Comments, Application to Renew Standby Status, Mt. Taylor Mine,  
Revision 14-1, Permit No. CI002RE**

Dear Mr. Hall:

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") received an application from Rio Grande Resources ("RGR") to renew standby status for the Mt. Taylor Mine, dated October 12, 2014. RGR submitted additional information in support of the application for renewal of standby status in a submittal, dated October 16, 2014 that includes proof of public notification as required by 19.10.9.903 NMAC.

MMD requests that you review the application to renew standby status and provide comments on it, if any, within 60 days after the receipt of this letter. The Mt. Taylor Mine application to renew standby status may be viewed at the MMD website at:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/CI002RERev14-1.html>

A hardcopy version of the Mt. Taylor Mine application to renew standby status is also available from MMD upon request.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 476-3432 or by email at:  
[david.ohori@state.nm.us](mailto:david.ohori@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

David O'horì, Permit Lead  
Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MARP")

cc: Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARP  
Mine File (CI002RE)