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Mr. Jonas Armstrong, Director
New Mexico Environment Department
Water Protection Division
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

**Re: Request for Extension for Response to NMED Comments
on the Draft Feasibility Study for the Smelter Tailings Soils
Investigation Unit, Chino Administrative Order on Consent (AOC)**

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino) requests an extension of an additional 90 days for the submittal of the revised *Smelter Tailings Soils Investigation Unit (STSIU) Feasibility Study* (FS) as per Article XIV, Section A of the Chino AOC. This time extension would require Chino to provide a revised FS by September 21, 2025, instead of June 22, 2025. Chino requires additional time to revise the *STSIU Draft FS* dated November 5, 2024, in response to comments provided by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) in a letter dated February 25, 2025. Additionally, Chino will also provide responses to NMED comments, including an updated 2025 sampling data set for the pH monitoring study of the 2008 "White Rain" event.

Please contact Ms. Pam Pinson at (575) 912-5213 if you have any questions regarding this extension request. Your consideration and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sherry Burt-Kested'.

Sherry Burt-Kested, Manager
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