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**NMED to Hold Open House to Discuss
The San Vicente Creek Mill Restoration Project**

Silver City, NM – The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) invites you to a community open house regarding the San Vicente Creek Mill Restoration Project in Silver City, New Mexico. Representatives from the New Mexico Environment Department and INTERA will update the public on the completion of Restoration Project actions, the current monitoring activities and answer your questions. The open house will be held:

Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Silver City Senior Center
205 W. Victoria St., Silver City, NM

The Restoration Project actions identified and removed approximately 25,000 cubic yards of contaminated mill tailings and soil from the San Vicente Creek Mill site (the old Silver City Reduction Works). Contaminated material was properly disposed of at the Freeport-McMoRan (FMI) Tyrone mine facility. At the completion of removal activities, clean soil was imported and disturbed areas were graded and seeded (August, 2013). The Restoration Project will be monitored through the summer of 2014 to assure appropriate revegetation occurs, proper storm water drainage is maintained and soil erosion is not a problem. The Restoration Project actions removed a potential source of ground water and surface water contamination and reduced the potential risk to human health and the environment.

The New Mexico Office of the Natural Resource Trustee (ONRT) funded this Restoration Project by a natural resource damage assessment and subsequent settlement with FMI for their Chino, Cobre and Tyrone mine facilities for the restoration of ground water natural resources. Per a Memorandum of Agreement between ONRT and NMED, NMED managed and provided oversight for the implementation of this Restoration Project. INTERA Geoscience and Engineering and its subcontractors implemented the Restoration Project.

If you have specific site-related questions, please contact Allan Pasteris, NMED at 505-827-0039.

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