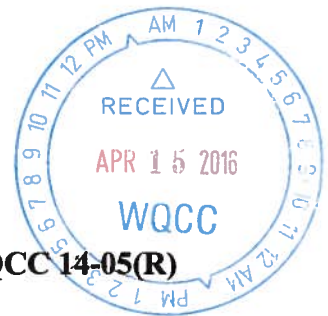


**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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IN THE MATTER OF:

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WATERS, § 20.6.4 NMAC**

No. **WQCC 14-05(R)**



**FREEPORT-MCMORAN CHINO MINES COMPANY'S EXCEPTIONS TO THE
HEARING OFFICER'S PROPOSED STATEMENT OF REASONS AND FINAL ORDER**

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino), in accordance with 20.1.9 NMAC, and the Order Setting Remaining Schedule issued on March 4, 2016, supports the exceptions filed on April 14, 2016 by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to the Hearing Officer's Proposed Statement of Reasons and Final Order. Specifically, Chino supports paragraphs 10 and 11 of NMED's Exceptions, which pertain to Chino's site-specific copper proposal. Aside from these exceptions raised by NMED, which Chino supports, Chino does not have any additional substantive exceptions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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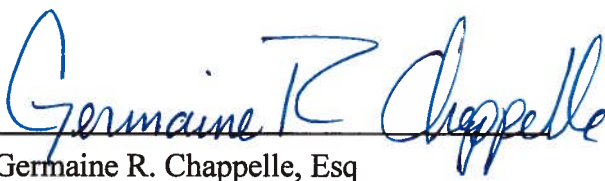
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