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Subject: El Segundo Mine Lease by Application Final Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact, and Decision Record

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is providing you with a copy of the final Environmental Assessment (EA), signed Finding of No Signification Impact (FONSI), and signed Decision Record (DR) for the El Segundo Mine Lease by Application. A draft EA, an unsigned FONSI, and the Maximum Economic Recovery report were made available to the public on January 9, 2013, and a public hearing was held on February 8, 2013 at the Cibola County Convention Room in Grants, New Mexico. Comments were accepted until March 11, 2013. The EA was finalized on May 28, 2013, however an appeal of the decision was filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) on August 26, 2013. The BLM New Mexico State Director requested additional analysis of the potential impacts of lease issuance to be addressed. The EA was revised using the additional analysis and finalized.

The enclosed final EA, FONSI, and DR are being provided as part of the environmental analysis process to fulfill requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The documents will be available for thirty (30) days on the Farmington BLM homepage at:
http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/fo/Farmington_Field_Office/ffo_nepa/ffo_mineral_eas_open.html

If you have any questions regarding these documents, please contact Tony Gallegos at (505) 564-7723 or at the mailing address or email address below:

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The Farmington Field Office would like to extend our appreciation to all constituents who participated in the environmental analysis process. The success of our land management efforts depends to a great extent on input received from the public.

Sincerely,

Gary Torres
Field Office Manager

3 Enclosures:
El Segundo Mine Lease by Application Final EA
El Segundo Mine Lease by Application Preliminary Signed FONSI
El Segundo Mine Lease by Application Preliminary Signed DR