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RE: Comments on EE/AC for NE Church Rock Mine

Dear Andrew:

Just some basic comments on the referenced document:

1. Any type of discharge occurring on or flowing onto Navajo Trust lands will need to meet the Navajo Nation Surface Water Quality Standards.
2. Submission of NOI and compliance with MSGP during preferred Alternative 5 activities should be for both the UNC Mill site and the NE Church Rock Mine site. Similarly, storm water controls should be implemented on both mine sites.
3. The disposal of mine waste at the UNC Mill site should not adversely impact the regulatory and administrative processes associated with the NPL work and should not cause a detriment to the surface and water quality at the Mill site.

Thanks for your effort on this project.

Sincerely,

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