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Dear Mr. Linton:

I am a State Senator representing District 30 in New Mexico, which includes Cibola County. I recently visited the Homestake site because it is in my district, and I was very impressed with their reclamation project.

WANT TO KNOW

I learned during my visit that Homestake submitted an application to your office for an amendment to its discharge plan in order to construct a third evaporation pond, since the two existing ponds are at near capacity.

I am aware that the Pueblo of Acoma has requested a consultation relative to Homestake's recent application. I am respectful of the Pueblo's position and encourage you to consult with them about any concerns they may have about this matter as soon as possible so that Homestake can move forward with its plan. I understand that a third pond is essential to its clean-up operations and further delay of its pending application only delays the ultimate goal of bringing the ground water to the appropriate levels, which is important to our community.

If there is anything that I might do to expedite this process or in communicating with the Pueblo of Acoma, please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration and immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


David Ulibarri