



November 22, 2017

**Ms. Andrea Kock, Deputy Director
Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery and Waste Programs
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
Mail Stop T-8-F5
Washington, DC 20555-0001**

**Regarding: Rio Grande Resources Corporation
Mt. Taylor Mine - San Mateo, New Mexico
Prospective Conventional Uranium Mill License**

Dear Ms. Kock,

In an update dated November 18, 2015, Rio Grande Resources Corporation (RGR) provided information with regard to the license application for a conventional uranium processing mill in New Mexico.

RGR continues to maintain compliance with and renew the NM State permits as required. RGR received the NMED issued DP61 (mine water discharge permit) from the State in October 2015 and is in compliance with all conditions of the permit.

The Mine Standby Permit to Active Status was submitted in April 2013, completed a Public Hearing in December 2015 and was issued the mine active permit on November 22, 2017. This unexpected 2 year delay of the mine permit has affected the original work plan and schedule for the mill license.

Delays in the development of the mill license application has occurred due to the depressed uranium market worldwide and the delays in obtaining both the DP61 and the Mine Permit from the State. RGR will now schedule a work plan to move forward on the license application and anticipate 4th quarter 2022 as a target date.

Please contact me at 505-287-7971 if you require further information or have questions.

Sincerely,

**Joe Lister
Mine Manager
Rio Grande Resources – Mt. Taylor Mine**