



April 8, 2013

Pam Castaneda, Administrator  
New Mexico Environment Department  
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Dear Ms. Castaneda:

I am sure that as the New Mexico's Water Control Commissioner, you are cognizant of how precious water is to all of us.

I support the proposed Copper Rules that will protect ground water and the rigorous criteria imposed for closing a mine. The copper mines we have here in Grant County are a very important part of our economy, however ensuring the environment is protected while allowing the industry the clarity it needs to continue to operate economically is important as well.

I encourage the Water Quality Control Commission to adopt these proposed Copper Rules that protect the groundwater and the economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Trujillo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Michael J. Trujillo  
President

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