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February 2, 2015

Mr. Robert Postle  
Division Manager of Program Support Division  
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement  
Western Region Program Support Division  
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320  
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15-01-05-04

**Re: Navajo Mine Permit Number NM-0003F; Notice of Application for Release from Phase I Bond Liability in Areas 1, 2 and 3**

Dear Mr. Postle,

Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC) is submitting an application for Phase I bond liability release on a portion of lands located within the Navajo Mine lease. Areas for which NTEC is requesting Phase I bond liability release are located within the permit area of the current permit No. NM-0003F, issued on September 25, 2009. The total size of the area sought for release is 1,240 acres.

NTEC is not seeking a release from bond liability associated with its current Surety Bond Number 09143016 held through Zurich American Insurance Company, but only to release the lands described in the application from Phase I bond liability. Since NTEC is not seeking a reduction in the bond amount at this time, the liability will be transferred to the contingency within the calculation sheet. Reclamation of these areas was completed between 1993 and 2014. Reclamation activities consisted of back filling and regrading to the approximate original contour or to the approved final surface. Other reclamation activities during this time included mitigation of unsuitable material and drainage control construction.

Root-zone suitability, where applicable, of the release areas has been reviewed and accepted by the OSMRE for adequacy in Root-Zone Reports submitted annually. Table 1 Regraded Root-Zone Data Submission – Identification of Applicable Root-Zone Reports a listing the applicable reports for the areas is included in this submission. All reclamation activities in these areas have been conducted according to the requirements set forth by the OSMRE and in the approved Navajo Mine permit.

In September of 2012 NTEC submitted a revision of the Area 2 Final Surface Configuration (FSC) Plan to optimize the backfill volumes and to improve the sustainability of the reclamation by utilizing geomorphic reclamation principles. OSMRE approved the revised FSC in February 2013 (OSM Project Tracking Code: NM-0003-F-J-03). In this package areas in North and South Barber are re-worked areas which reflect the approved revision to the Area 2 FSC.

At the request of OSMRE, all areas selected for release, where possible, are greater in size than 10 acres and all areas where topsoil and mitigation material is temporarily stockpiled are not included in the package.

Please address any questions regarding this application to Vivie Melendez at (505) 598-3284.

Sincerely,



**Daphne Place-Hoskie**

Superintendent Environmental Analysis & Improvement

cc: Clark Moseley, NTEC CEO

Tom Wright, OSMRE Western Region Surface Mining Reclamation Specialist

Alfreda Cornfield, OSMRE Western Region Surface Mining Reclamation Specialist

Rade Orell, OSMRE Western Region Surface Mining Reclamation Specialist

Enclosure:

Tables

Table 1 Regraded Root-Zone Data Submission – Identification of Applicable Root-Zone Reports

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Table 1 – Regrade Root-Zone Data Submission – Identification of Applicable Root-Zone Reports

Bond Release Areas	Acres	Title of Root-Zone Report(s)	Date of Root-Zone Report	Location of Data in Root-Zone Report	Exhibit(s) Showing Spoil Sample Locations & Site Numbers
P1_PT-1_15	142.4	2009 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topsoil, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2010 to 2011 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topsoil, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine	February 2010, August 2011	2009: Tables 4 and 6, 2010-2011: Tables 5, 7, and 12	2009: Exhibit 4. Pinto Area Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations; 2010-2011: Exhibit 5 Pinto Area Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
P1_PT-2_15	2.4	1995 Annual Report			
P1_HS-1_15	92.5	2013 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topsoil, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine 2014 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2014 Supplemental Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring At Navajo Mine	August 2013, August 2014, December 2014	2013: Tables 3 and 6 2014: Tables 3 and 6 2014: Tables 1 and 3	2013: Exhibit 3. North Barber Spoil Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations 2014: Exhibit 3. North Barber Root-Zone Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations 2014: Exhibit 1. Barber Root-Zone Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
P1_HS-2_15	35.9	2014 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and	August 2014 December 2014	2014: Tables 3 and 6 2014: Tables 1 and 3	2014: Exhibit 3. North Barber Root-Zone Sampling and Mitigation

Bond Release Areas	Acres	Title of Root-Zone Report(s)	Date of Root-Zone Report	Location of Data in Root-Zone Report	Exhibit(s) Showing Spoil Sample Locations & Site Numbers
		Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2014 Supplemental Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring At Navajo Mine			Recommendations 2014: Exhibit 1. Barber Root-Zone Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
P1_BR-1_15	22	2009 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topsoil, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine	February 2010	2009: Tables 1 and 7	2009: Exhibit 1. Barber Ramp 1 Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
P1_BR-2_15	86.8	2013 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topsoil, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2014 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine	August 2013, August 2014	2013: Tables 3 and 6, 2014 Tables 3 and 6	2013: Exhibit 3. North Barber Spoil Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations; 2014: Exhibit 3. North Barber Root-Zone Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
P1_BR-3_15	148.8	2007 Annual Report For Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2013 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topsoil, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine 2014 Supplemental Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden	February 2008, August 2013	2007: Tables 1 and 4, 2013: Tables 2 and 5	2007: Exhibit 1. Barber Area Spoil Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations; 2013: Exhibit 2. North Barber Spoil Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations

Bond Release Areas	Acres	Title of Root-Zone Report(s)	Date of Root-Zone Report	Location of Data in Root-Zone Report	Exhibit(s) Showing Spoil Sample Locations & Site Numbers
P1_BR-4_15	36.7	Monitoring At Navajo Mine 2010 to 2011 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topsoil, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine 2014 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine	February 2010, August 2014	2010-2011: Tables 1 and 8, 2014: Tables 2 and 5	2010-2011: Exhibit 1. North Barber Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations, 2014: Exhibit 2. North Barber Root-Zone Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
P1_BR-5_15	23.1	2005 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2014 Supplemental Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring At Navajo Mine	February 2006 December 2014	2005: Tables 1 and 4 2014: Tables 1 and 3	2005: Exhibit 1. South Barber Spoil Sampling and Mitigation Recommendation 2014: Exhibit 1. Barber Root-Zone Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
P1_BR-6_15	15.4	2014 Supplemental Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring At Navajo Mine	December 2014	2014: Tables 1 and 3	2014: Exhibit 1. Barber Root-Zone Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
P1_LW-1_15	37.2	Annual Report of Root-Zone Suitability and Topdressing Depth for the 1996 Reclaim Areas at Navajo Mine - Appendix A: 1996 Annual Report of Root-Zone Quality for the Lowe Holes 1 and 2	February 1997	Appendix A	

Bond Release Areas	Acres	Title of Root-Zone Report(s)	Date of Root-Zone Report	Location of Data in Root-Zone Report	Exhibit(s) Showing Spoil Sample Locations & Site Numbers
		Reclaimed Areas at Navajo Mine			
P1_LW-2_15	19.1	1993 Annual Report 1994 Annual Report 1995 Annual Report			
P1_LW-3_15	19.5	1999 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, & Regolith Monitoring at Navajo Mine 2014 Supplemental Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring At Navajo Mine	February 2000 December 2014	1999: Tables 2 and 11 2014: Tables 2 and 4	1999: Lowe Ramps 2-4 Spoil Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations 2014: Exhibit 2. Dixon Root-Zone Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
P1_LW-4_15	17	1993 Annual Report			
P1_DX-1_15	40.7	2002 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine	February 2003	2002: Tables 5 and 10	2002: Exhibit 3. Dixon Area Spoil Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
P1_DX-2_15	11.3	2002 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine	February 2003	2002: Tables 5 and 10	2002: Exhibit 3. Dixon Area Spoil Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
P1_DX-3_15	5.1	2002 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine	February 2003	2002: Tables 5 and 10	2002: Exhibit 3. Dixon Area Spoil Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
P1_DX-4_15	38	Annual Report of Root-Zone	February 1997,	1996: Tables found in	1996: Exhibits found in Appendix B

Bond Release Areas	Acres	Title of Root-Zone Report(s)	Date of Root-Zone Report	Location of Data in Root-Zone Report	Exhibit(s) Showing Spoil Sample Locations & Site Numbers
		Suitability and Topdressing Depth for the 1996 Reclaim Areas at Navajo Mine - Appendix B: 1996 "Stub Year" Annual Report of Root-Zone Quality for Lowe Hole 2 South, North Dixon, and Lowe Ramps 1 and 2 Areas at Navajo Mine Annual Report of Root-Zone Quality, Topsoil Thickness, and Regolith as Topsoil for the 1997 Reclaim Areas at Navajo Mine - Appendix A: 1997 Annual Report of Root-Zone Quality for Permanent Program Areas located in the Bighan Ramp 7, Yazzie Ramp 2, Barber Ramp 1, North Dixon, and South Dixon Areas at Navajo Mine	April 1998	Appendix B 1997: Tables found in Appendix A	1997: Exhibits found in Appendix A
P1_DX-5_15	149.7	2002 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2006 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2010 to 2011	February 2003, February 2007, August 2011, December 2014	2002: Tables 5 and 10, 2006: Tables 2, 5, and 7, 2010-2011: Tables 3 and 10 2014: Tables 2 and 4	2002: Exhibit 3. Dixon Area Spoil Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations, 2006: Exhibit 2. Dixon Ramps 1 and 2 Sampling and Mitigation Recommendation, 2010-2011: Exhibit 3. North Dixon Sampling and Mitigation

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		Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topsoil, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine 2014 Supplemental Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring At Navajo Mine			Recommendations, 2014: Exhibit 2. Dixon Root-Zone Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
P1_DX-6_14	134.7	2002 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2006 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2007 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine	February 2003, February 2007, February 2008	2002: Tables 5 and 10, 2006: Tables 2, 5, 7, 18, and 19, 2007: Tables 2, 5, and 7	2002: Exhibit 3. Dixon Area Spoil Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations, 2006: Exhibit 2. Dixon Ramps 1 and 2 Sampling and Mitigation Recommendation, 2007: Exhibit 2. Dixon Area Sampling and Mitigation Recommendation
P1_DX-7_15	99.9	2002 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2003 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2006 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing,	February 2003, February 2004, February 2007, February 2008, February 2009, August 2011	2002: Tables 5 and 10, 2003: Tables 2, 3, and 4, 2006 Tables 2, 5 ,and 7, 2007: Tables 2, 5, and 7, 2008: Tables 3 and 4, 2010-2011: Tables 4 and 11	2002: Exhibit 3. Dixon Area Spoil Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations 2003: Exhibit 1. Dixon Area Spoil Sampling and Mitigation Recommendation 2006: Exhibit 2. Dixon Ramps 1 and 2 Sampling and Mitigation Recommendation 2007: Exhibit 2.

Bond Release Areas	Acres	Title of Root-Zone Report(s)	Date of Root-Zone Report	Location of Data in Root-Zone Report	Exhibit(s) Showing Spoil Sample Locations & Site Numbers
		Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2007 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2008 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2010 to 2011 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topsoil, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine			Dixon Area Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations 2008: Exhibit 2. Dixon Ramp 4 Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations, 2010-2011: Exhibit 4, South Dixon Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
P1_DX-8_15	27.3	2010 to 2011 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topsoil, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine	August 2011	2010-2011: Tables 3 and 10	2010-2011: Exhibit 3. North Dixon Sampling and Mitigation Recommendation
P1_DX-9_15	24	2006 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2008 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2010 to 2011 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topsoil, Regolith, and Overburden	February 2007, February 2009, August 2011	2007: Tables 2, 5, and 7 2008: Tables 1 and 3 2010-2011: Tables 4 and 11	2006: Exhibit 2. Dixon Ramps 1 and 2 Sampling and Mitigation Recommendation, 2008: Exhibit 2. Dixon Ramp 4 Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations, 2010-2011: Exhibit 4. South Dixon Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations

Bond Release Areas	Acres	Title of Root-Zone Report(s)	Date of Root-Zone Report	Location of Data in Root-Zone Report	Exhibit(s) Showing Spoil Sample Locations & Site Numbers
P1_DX-10_15	10.1	Monitoring at Navajo Mine 2008 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topdressing, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine; 2010 to 2011 Annual Report for Root-Zone, Topsoil, Regolith, and Overburden Monitoring at Navajo Mine	February 2009, August 2011	2008: Tables 1 and 3 2010-2011: Tables 4 and 11	2008: Exhibit 2. Dixon Ramp 4 Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations, 2010-2011: Exhibit 4. South Dixon Sampling and Mitigation Recommendations
Total Acres	1239.6				

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC), Navajo Mine has filed an application with the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) for Phase I bond liability release of portions of lands located within the Navajo Mine lease (permit No. NM-0003F, issued on September 25, 2009). NTEC is not seeking a release from bond liability associated with its current Surety Bond Number 09143016 held through Zurich American Insurance Company, but only to release the lands described below.

The Phase I bond release application consists of information contained in the currently approved permit application package (OSMRE Permit No. NM-0003F). The application outlines NTEC's reclamation operations on Permanent Program lands. The total size of the area sought for release is 1,240 acres. Reclamation on these areas was completed between 1993 and 2014. Reclamation activities consisted of back filling and regrading to the approximate original contour or to the approved final surface. Other reclamation activities during this time include mitigation of unsuitable material and drainage control construction. Navajo Mine permit is under Navajo Tribal Coal Lease 14-20-603-2505 and pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 30, Subchapter E, Part 750, 773, and 774. This notice is hereby given that:

1. The Name and Business Address of the Applicant is:

Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC (NTEC)  
c/o Clark Mosely, CEO  
P.O. Box 1749  
Navajo Nation (Arizona) 86515

BHP Billiton Mine Management Company  
Agent-Operator for NTEC  
c/o Superintendent Environmental Analysis & Improvement  
300 West Arrington St. Suite 101  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

2. The mine permit area is located approximately 6 miles southwest of Fruitland, New Mexico (USGS 7.5 minute quad maps, "The Hogback North, The Hogback South, Newcomb N.E. Fruitland, Kirtland S.W., and The Pillar N.W."). The permit area for which Phase One bond release is requested is located within the following lands of San Juan County, New Mexico, which are described relative to the New Mexico Principal Meridian.

A description of the lands for which NTEC is seeking Phase I bond release is listed below:

- P1\_PT-1\_15 A 142.4 acre parcel of land east of Pinto Haulroad. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat.  $36^{\circ} 39' 54.00''$  N and Long.  $108^{\circ} 27' 50.40''$  W.
- P1\_PT-2\_15 A 2.4 acre parcel of land west of Pinto Haulroad. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat.  $36^{\circ} 40' 19.20''$  N and Long.  $108^{\circ} 28' 08.40''$  W.
- P1\_HS-1\_15 A 92.5 acre parcel of land south of Hosteen Ramp 3. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat.  $36^{\circ} 36' 57.60''$  N and Long.  $108^{\circ} 28' 48.00''$  W.
- P1\_HS-2\_15 A 35.9 acre parcel of land south of Hosteen Ramp 3. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat.  $36^{\circ} 36' 43.20''$  N and Long.  $108^{\circ} 28' 44.40''$  W.
- P1\_BR-1\_15 A 22.0 acre parcel of land north of Barber Ramp 1. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat.  $36^{\circ} 37' 04.80''$  N and Long.  $108^{\circ} 29' 31.20''$  W.
- P1\_BR-2\_15 An 86.8 acre parcel of land north of Barber Ramp 2. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat.  $36^{\circ} 36' 28.80''$  N and Long.  $108^{\circ} 29' 20.40''$  W.
- P1\_BR-3\_15 A 148.8 acre parcel of land south of Barber Ramp 3. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat.  $36^{\circ} 36' 04.75''$  N and Long.  $108^{\circ} 30' 02.95''$  W.
- P1\_BR-4\_15 A 36.7 acre parcel of land east of Barber By-Pass. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat.  $36^{\circ} 35' 52.80''$  N and Long.  $108^{\circ} 30' 25.20''$  W.
- P1\_BR-5\_15 A 23.1 acre parcel of land west of Barber By-Pass. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat.  $36^{\circ} 35' 42.00''$  N and Long.  $108^{\circ} 30' 43.20''$  W.
- P1\_BR-6\_15 A 15.4 acre parcel of land north of Barber Ramp 6. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat.  $36^{\circ} 35' 16.80''$  N and Long.  $108^{\circ} 31' 01.20''$  W.

- P1\_LW-1\_15 A 37.2 acre parcel of land in Lowe Holes 1 and 2. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat. 36° 33' 32.40" N and Long. 108° 31' 15.60" W.
- P1\_LW-2\_15 A 19.1 acre parcel of land north of Lowe Ramp 4 The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat. 36° 32' 38.40" N and Long. 108° 31' 08.40" W.
- P1\_LW-3\_15 A 19.5 acre parcel of land north of Lowe Ramp 4. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat. 36° 32' 31.20" N and Long. 108° 31' 08.40" W.
- P1\_LW-4\_15 A 17.0 acre parcel of land south of Lowe Ramp 2. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat. 36° 33' 01.98" N and Long. 108° 31' 22.94" W.
- P1\_DX-1\_15 A 40.7 acres parcel of land west of Dixon Haulroad. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat. 36° 31' 19.20" N and Long. 108° 31' 19.20" W.
- P1\_DX-2\_15 An 11.3 acre parcel of land west of Dixon Haulroad. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat. 36° 31' 33.60" N and Long. 108° 31' 22.80" W.
- P1\_DX-3\_15 A 5.1 acre parcel of land west of Dixon Haulroad. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat. 36° 31' 55.20" N and Long. 108° 31' 22.80" W.
- P1\_DX-4\_15 A 38.0 acre parcel of land west of Dixon Haulroad. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat. 36° 31' 37.20" N and Long. 108° 31' 31.40.80" W.
- P1\_DX-5\_15 A 149.7 acre parcel of land south of Dixon Ramp 1. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat. 36° 32' 06.00" N and Long. 108° 31' 01.20" W.
- P1\_DX-6\_15 A 134.7 Acre parcel of land south of Dixon Ramp 2. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat. 36° 31' 44.40" N and Long. 108° 30' 57.60" W.

- P1\_DX-7\_15 A 99.9 acre parcel of land east of Dixon Haulroad. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat. 36° 31' 30.00" N and Long. 108° 31' 01.20" W.
- P1\_DX-8\_15 A 27.3 acre parcel of land south of Dixon Ramp 1. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat. 36° 32' 06.00" N and Long. 108° 30' 36.00" W.
- P1\_DX-9\_15 A 24.0 acre parcel of land south of Dixon Ramp 2. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat. 36° 31' 37.20" N and Long. 108° 30' 32.40" W.
- P1\_DX-10\_15 A 10.1 acre parcel of land north of Dixon Ramp 3. The computer generated centroid location of this area is approximately Lat. 36° 31' 26.40" N and Long. 108° 30' 36.00" W.

3. Locations of where copies of the application are available for public review and/or inspection are:

The Navajo Nation  
Minerals Department  
Route 2264 Window Rock Blvd. Building No. 2537  
Window Rock, AZ 86515  
(928) 871-6587

The Farmington Public Library  
2101 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, NM 87401  
(505) 599-1270

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement  
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320  
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Tiis Tsoh Sikaad Chapter House  
P.O. Box 7359  
Newcomb, NM 87455  
(505) 696-5471

Nenahnezad Chapter House  
P.O. Box 438  
Fruitland, NM 87416  
(505) 960-9702

4. The names and addresses of the OSMRE representatives where written comments, objections, requests for public hearing, or requests for an informal conference may be submitted by April 1, 2015 are:

Mr. Tom Wright, Reclamation Specialist  
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement  
Albuquerque Field Office  
435 Montano Road, NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87107  
505-761-8990

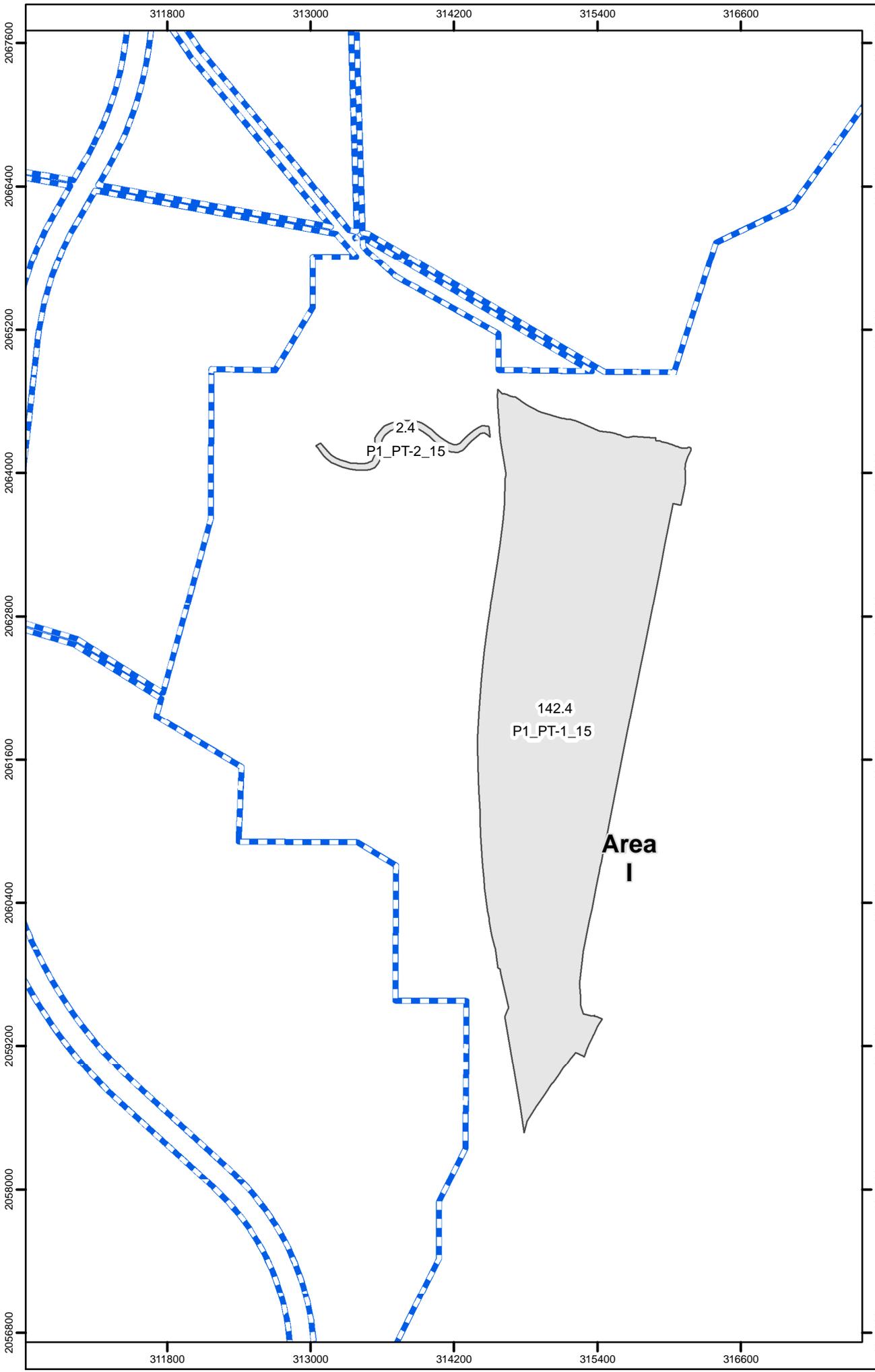
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Ms. Alfreda Cornfield  
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement  
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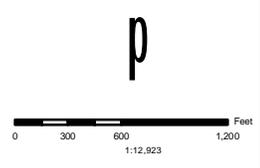
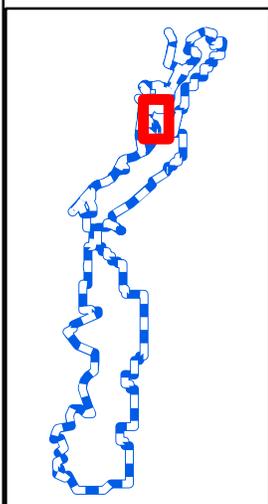
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5. The application has been filed with OSMRE and will be acted upon pursuant to the permanent regulatory program (30 CFR Parts 750 and 774) approved by the Secretary of the Interior under Title V of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.



- Legend**
- Phase I Bond Release
  - NM Lease Boundary
  - Mine Areas



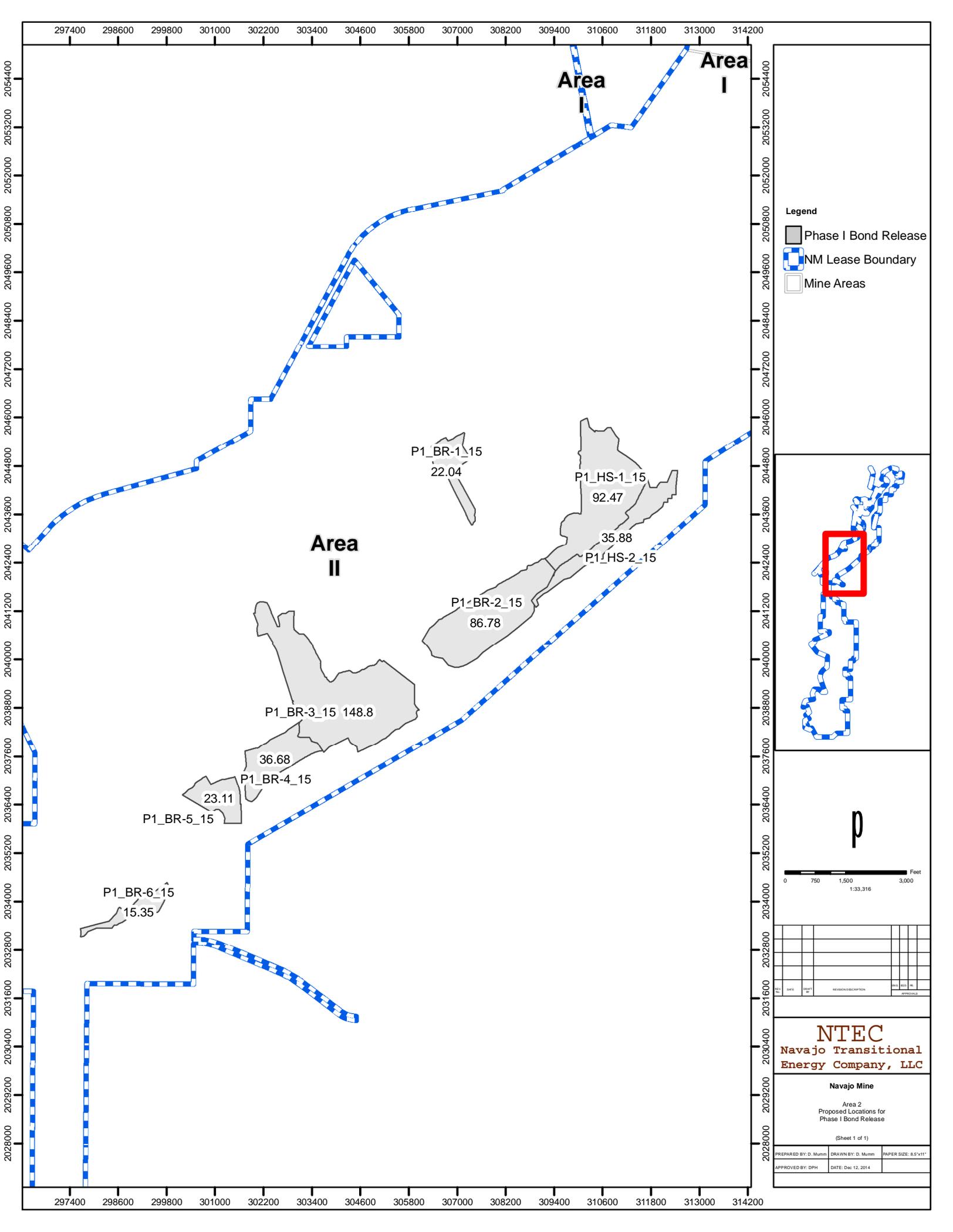
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**NTEC**  
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 Area 1  
 Proposed Locations for  
 Phase I Bond Release

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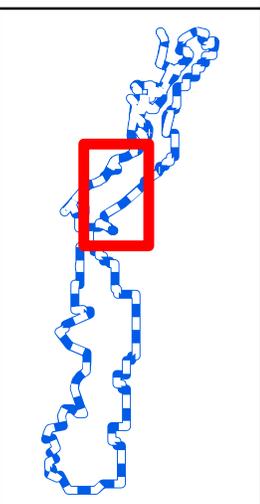


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- Legend**
- Phase I Bond Release
  - NM Lease Boundary
  - Mine Areas



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**NTEC**

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Area 2  
Proposed Locations for  
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**Area II**

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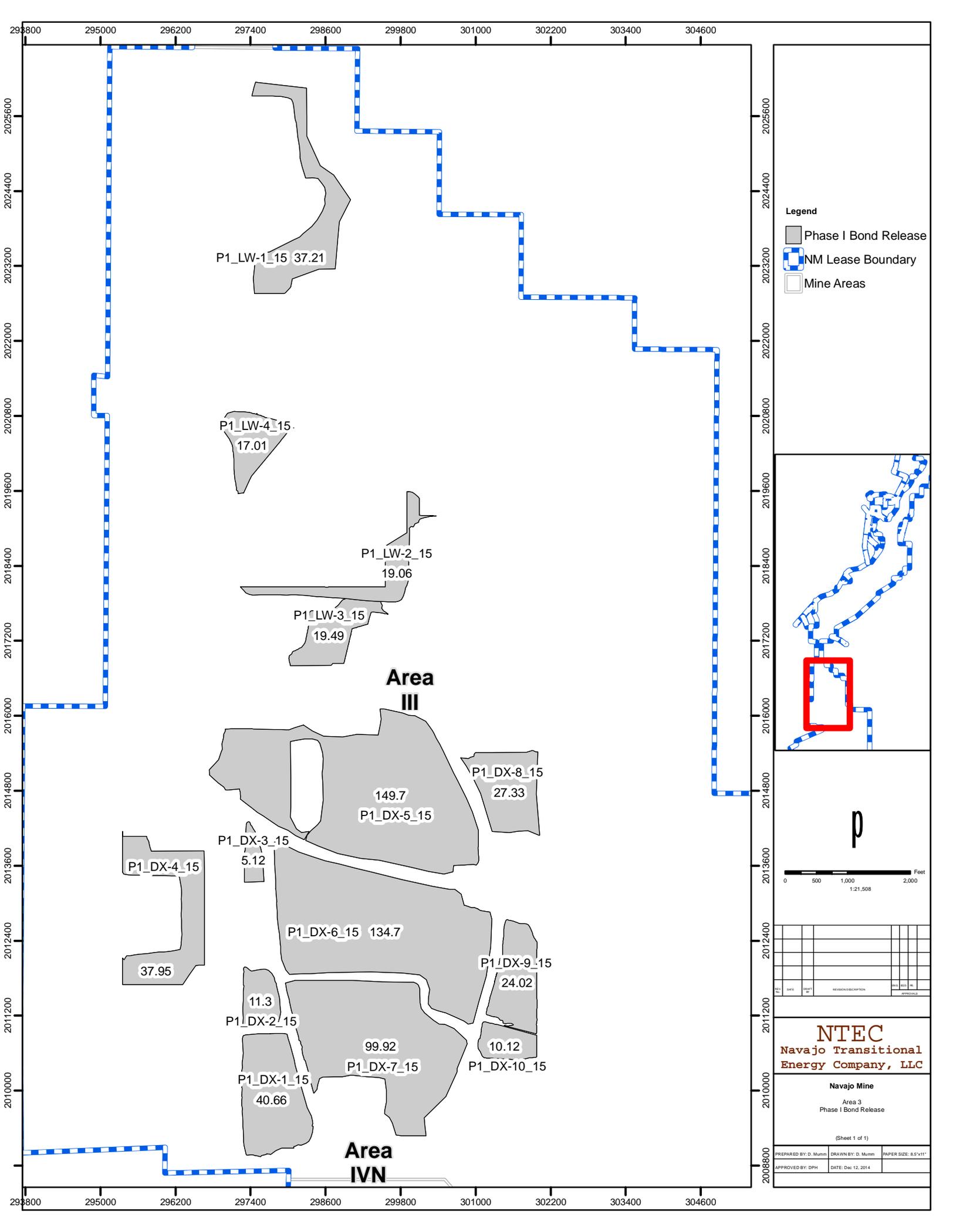
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**Area I**



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Daisy Barber  
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Betty Benally  
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**Re: Navajo Mine Permit Number NM-0003F; Notice of Application for Release from Phase I Bond Liability in Areas 1, 2 and 3**

Dear Betty,

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Mary Louise Benally  
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**Re: Navajo Mine Permit Number NM-0003F; Notice of Application for Release from Phase I Bond Liability in Areas 1, 2 and 3**

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Ida Bradley  
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**Re: Navajo Mine Permit Number NM-0003F; Notice of Application for Release from Phase I Bond Liability in Areas 1, 2 and 3**

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Katie Dobey  
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**Re: Navajo Mine Permit Number NM-0003F; Notice of Application for Release from Phase I Bond Liability in Areas 1, 2 and 3**

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Ena Eltsosie  
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Alice Gilmore  
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**Re: Navajo Mine Permit Number NM-0003F; Notice of Application for Release from Phase I Bond Liability in Areas 1, 2 and 3**

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Carl and Mildred Hogue  
625 W. Pinon  
Farmington, NM 87401

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Lucy Hogue  
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Stanley Sims  
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**Re: Navajo Mine Permit Number NM-0003F; Notice of Application for Release from Phase I Bond Liability in Areas 1, 2 and 3**

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Daisy Stevenson  
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**Re: Navajo Mine Permit Number NM-0003F; Notice of Application for Release from Phase I Bond Liability in Areas 1, 2 and 3**

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Raymond & Pertina Jim  
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**Re: Navajo Mine Permit Number NM-0003F; Notice of Application for Release from Phase I Bond Liability in Areas 1, 2 and 3**

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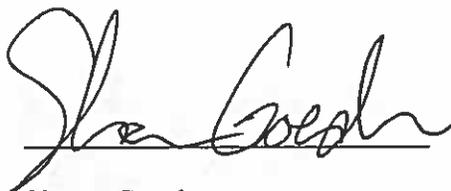
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By:



Shawn Goeckner  
Mine Manager  
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Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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