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Randy McClure  
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PO Box 610  
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**Re: North Amethyst West Project, NOI File No. P-2012-008, Receipt of New Notice of Intent.**

Dear Mr. McClure,

The Division received the packet containing materials for the new NOI named above on May 7, 2012. The Division is currently reviewing the new NOI for deficiencies that must be corrected or additionally provided, and will contact you soon in regard to any such items. The NOI materials that were contained on Form 2, which is "non-confidential," will be placed on our website for public review.

The NOI submittal did not include a financial warranty, but Rio Grande Silver, Inc. has a statewide prospecting bond currently posted, which includes an amount of unobligated funds, potentially available for this project upon approval of the NOI. At this time, the matter of a financial warranty is not a deficiency, but please note that until you are notified by this office that all technical deficiencies are addressed, no prospecting activity may occur.

I will contact you if there are questions or if further information is needed. You may continue to send all future submittals concerning this project directly to me at the Division's Durango Field Office: 691 CR 233, Room A-2, Durango, CO 81301. Please include the file number shown above on all submitted materials. If it is not inconvenient, an electronic version of the documents could be emailed to me, though it is not required. (My email is [bob.oswald@state.co.us](mailto:bob.oswald@state.co.us).)

If you have any questions you may reach me at the Durango Field Office (above) or by phone: 970-247-5193.

Sincerely,

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