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**REGULATED ENTY NAMESHAFTER MINE**  
**RN NUMBER:**RN100812502  
**PERMIT NUMBER:**WQ0004297000  
**DOCKET NUMBER:**  
**COUNTY:**PRESIDIO  
**PRINCIPAL NAME:**RIO GRANDE MINING CO  
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**COMMENTS:**The de-watering process planned at the Shafter mine will waste up to 700 gallons per minute of water from a very poorly understood and fragile desert mountain aquifer system. This same aquifer system supports several nearby springs and wells which are critical to the health of residents of Shafter, regional wildlife, and commercial operations that serve the Presidio County economy. In addition, the ore processing planned at the Shafter mine will potentially discharge deadly arsenic into the ground water. I respectfully request a hearing to allow more careful consideration of this compound impact on our local water resource.

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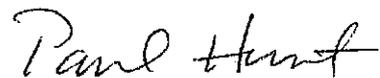
Comments regarding TCEQ Permit No. WQ0004297000 – Shafter Mine

To whom it may concern:

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Sincerely,



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