

NEW MEXICO CONNECTS: CPP HIGHLIGHTS Q2 2026



This newsletter provides updates from our recent Community Partnership Panel. It is part of our commitment to keeping the community informed about site activities and fostering open and ongoing dialogue.

Learn more about our commitment to communities:

[Freeport In My Community](#)

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SITE OPERATIONS UPDATE

Employment Update

Chino Headcounts

Employment: **900**

Contractors: **250**

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Tyrone Headcounts

Employment: **170**

Contractors: **20**

**Headcounts are an approximation based on date of meeting*

Additional Updates

- **Concentrator and Crusher Updates**

- Chino has made significant investments to rebuild and upgrade the concentrator, including installing new SAG mills, which are now complete and performing well. The final major improvement is the crusher rebuild, scheduled for July.
- Temporary operational adjustments planned during crusher installation to maintain production.

- **Growth and Infrastructure Planning ✓**

- New North Lampbright leach stockpile is online. It is expected to support operations into the early 2030s.
- Engineering and permitting underway for additional stockpiles and future facilities.
- Early-stage planning initiated for a new tailings storage facility, which will be required in the next decade.
- Mining activity will be taking place near Highway 152 that will be visible to commuters.

- **Permitting**

- Permitting timelines remain lengthy, requiring early, multi-year planning even for brownfield projects.
- The site is in active public comment periods for stockpiles and expansion-related permits.

- **Operations Investment and Growth**

- Freeport continues to make investments in infrastructure, efficiency improvements and cost management across Chino and Tyrone.
- Chino has staked 188 mining claims on U.S. Forest Service land north of the Cobre Mine to help secure mineral interests in the broader area surrounding its operations. At this time, Freeport does not have plans to explore these specific claims. If that changes in the future, Freeport will work closely with federal and state agencies to obtain all required permits and will engage with the community in a transparent and responsible manner.

- **Ad Valorem Taxes**

- Ad valorem taxes generated by mining operations are based on mineral production and provide an important source of funding for counties, municipalities, schools, hospitals, colleges, and other public entities throughout the region.

- The taxable value is calculated using a multi-year averaging methodology, which helps smooth fluctuations in production and creates more predictable revenue streams over time.
 - This predictability allows local governments and public agencies to better budget, plan capital projects, and maintain essential community services.
 - In addition to mining-related ad valorem taxes, Freeport also pays traditional property taxes on company-owned lands located outside of its operating boundaries.
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SITE ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

- **Environmental Stewardship**

- New Mexico operations maintain a strong emphasis on responsible mining and commitment to not compromising environmental performance for production.
- Sites are committed to ongoing transparency in permitting, compliance, and environmental planning.

- **Regional Water Management**

- Freeport continues to focus on regional resiliency through the Copper Collaborative, a partnership centered on water security, wastewater infrastructure, and economic development. Key efforts include advancement of the Regional Water Project, which is designed to provide communities with primary and secondary water sources to improve long-term water reliability and drought resilience across Grant County.
- Freeport has agreed to donate 200 acre-feet of water rights and support well placement for Hurley, as well as 250 acre-feet of water rights and a well for Santa Clara. Additional investments include a commitment of up to \$1 million in matching funds for regional wastewater treatment plant improvements and ongoing support for economic development initiatives such as the Five Points Initiative, community cleanups and other community enhancement projects.

- **Fire, Flood and Monsoon Preparedness ✓**

- Seasonal Conditions
 - Anticipation of a wetter-than-average monsoon season with increased risk of flash flooding and debris flows.
 - Elevated risk in burn scar areas due to rapid runoff and sediment movement.
- Infrastructure and Operations
 - Ongoing clearing and maintenance of drainage systems, culverts, containment areas, and other critical infrastructure to reduce impacts from severe weather events.

- Pre-positioning of equipment and coordination with transportation agencies for rapid debris removal.
 - Continued monitoring of watershed conditions and river levels.
 - Expanded backup power capacity, including generators at critical community facilities, to support emergency operations during outages.
- Communication and Alerts
 - Two-tiered alert system: emergency alerts for immediate threats and text-based systems for updates and preparedness messaging.
 - Expanded communication tools (e.g., TextMyGov) for both emergency and non-emergency outreach.
 - Encouragement for residents to sign up for alerts and stay informed ahead of events.
- Community Preparedness
 - Encouragement of property-level mitigation measures, including clearing drainage paths, maintaining flow channels and preparing sandbags where appropriate.
 - Reinforcement of household preparedness through emergency kits, evacuation plans and communication plans.
 - Continued promotion of the "Ready, Set, Go" framework to encourage advance preparedness and improve community readiness during wildfire, flood, and other emergency events.
 - Ongoing coordination among local emergency responders, agencies, volunteer organizations, as well as community partners to support emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.
- Emergency Communication
 - Requests for earlier, proactive communication about evacuation routes, shelter locations and available resources.
 - Request for simple, shareable materials outlining "where to go, what to do and who to contact."
 - Recognition that preparedness has significantly improved since prior events (communications, sheltering, coordination), but continued concern that current messaging is often delivered during events rather than in advance.
- Outreach to Vulnerable Populations
 - Identified need for tailored outreach to elderly, rural and homebound residents who may not receive digital alerts.
 - Recommendation for printed materials and community-based distribution of preparedness information.
- Use of Community Networks
 - Schools and local organizations identified as effective channels for disseminating information to households.
 - Opportunity to leverage community leaders as trusted messengers.

SOCIAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE

A Conversation on Community

Introducing Cory Stevens. Cory, Senior Vice President, President and Chief Operating Officer – Freeport Americas, shares why community partnerships matter and how working alongside local organizations helps create lasting, positive impact where we operate. Watch his message [here](#).



Global Volunteer Month

Each year, Freeport employees come together to support their communities for Global Volunteer Month. Volunteer projects focus on biodiversity and skill-based learning opportunities, reflecting the company's commitment to **Proudly Creating Better Futures**. Each site organizes events tailored to local needs; learn more about New Mexico operations' project below.

New Mexico employees participated in a clean-up event.



Freeport's 2026 Grant Programs

Community Investment Fund

The Community Investment Fund is driven by three priority areas:



Education & Workforce Development

Resilient People

Early Education | K-12 | Higher Education | Workforce Development | STEM | Community Education & Support



Economic Opportunity

Resilient Economies

Health | Safety | Housing | Environmental | Small Business Support | Access to Food | Economic Development | Cultural Heritage & Arts | Community Infrastructure



Capacity & Leadership

Resilient Organizations & Systems

Training & Skill-Building | Community & Emergency Planning | Citizen Engagement & Participation | Organization Governance & Effectiveness

Application Opens:

May 13, 2026

Application Closes:

June 26, 2026

at 5 p.m. AZ time

Awards Announced:

Nov. 20, 2026

Mini-Grants for Education

Designed to support K-12 teachers and schools in communities where Freeport has an operational presence.

**Application
Opens:**

July 6, 2026

**Application
Closes:**

Sept. 4, 2026

at 5 p.m. AZ time

**Awards
Announced:**

Oct. 30, 2026

Women's Development Grants

Support organizations providing women and girls opportunities to advance educational attainment, create and expand businesses, and increase financial capability and employment through education and/or workforce skills training.

**Application
Opens:**

Sept. 2, 2026

**Application
Closes:**

Oct. 9, 2026

at 5 p.m. AZ time

**Awards
Announced:**

Dec. 4, 2026

Community Investment Fund Highlights

- **Gila Community Foundation**

- Gila Community Foundation highlighted its role as a regional partner leveraging funding, partnerships, and capacity-building to strengthen nonprofit effectiveness and support long-term community resilience.
- Emphasized aligning investments with community priorities such as preparedness, economic stability, and infrastructure while expanding impact through collaboration.
- Overall message focused on building sustainable, locally driven solutions through leadership development and multi-sector partnerships.

Community Engagements

- **Local Voices ✓**

- Community engagement survey deployed (May 18 through June 30) to assess trust, sentiment, and community priorities.
- Learn more at voconiqlocalvoices.com/FreeportFCX.

- **Trainings**

- Governance and nonprofit training programs launched to strengthen local leadership and organizational effectiveness.

- **Ongoing Coordination**

- Ongoing coordination with local governments, nonprofits, and stakeholders to advance regional priorities and funding efforts.
 - Continued focus on long-term capacity building and economic diversification.

GRIEVANCE MANAGEMENT

Freeport maintains a formal Grievance Management System allowing community stakeholders to share concerns directly with company officials. Learn more about our Grievance Management process at FreeportInMyCommunity.com.

The topics of concern received included:

- Question about Air Quality Notice of Permit
- Hanover blue water
- Historical soil remediation
- Kneeling Nun view question
- Noise/vibration at residence

Grievance Report

Q1 2026: **5**

YTD Active: **1**

YTD Closed: **4**

Community Information & Grievance Line

To share a grievance, ask a question, or request information, please call:

(877)629-2609

24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

COMPANY UPDATE



Freeport Reports First-Quarter 2026 Results

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2025 Reports Now Available!



The 2025 **Annual Report** and **Sustainability Report** are now available. Click the images or visit [FCX.com](https://www.fcx.com) to learn more.

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We value your feedback. Please share your thoughts on the CPP by completing this quick survey.

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