

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE A  
STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION OF A FEDERAL ACTION**

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Pursuant to the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 and in accordance with Arizona Administrative Code R18-1-401, the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) intends to issue a conditional State 401 water quality certification for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CoE) CWA 404 Individual Permit to the following applicant:

Applicant: Freeport McMoRan Sierrita Inc.  
Diana Kelts, Chief Environmental Engineer  
6200 West Duval Mine Road  
Green Valley, Arizona 85614

Project Name: Sierrita Stockpile Extension  
Project Location: In Demetrie Wash, West of I-19 in Green Valley

CoE Public Notice / Application No.: SPL-2011-00160-MWL  
LTF No.: 64499

The draft certification is available for public review, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at ADEQ, 1110 West Washington Street, Records Management Center, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. In Phoenix, please call (602) 771-4380 or e-mail [RecordsCenter@azdeq.gov](mailto:RecordsCenter@azdeq.gov) 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment to review the file.

Persons may submit comments on the proposed action, in writing, to Rosi Sherrill, Project Manager, ADEQ, Surface Water Section, 1110 West Washington Street, MC5415A-1, Phoenix, AZ 85007 or electronically to [k7@azdeq.gov](mailto:k7@azdeq.gov). Comments must include the name, mailing address and e-mail address (if available) of the commenter. Comments must be received by 500 pm on October 5, 2016.

To request an auxiliary aid or service for accessible communication, please contact (602) 771-2215 or at [co2@azdeq.gov](mailto:co2@azdeq.gov) or dial 7-1-1 for TTY/TTD Services.