

**NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE
A SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT TO AN AQUIFER PROTECTION PERMIT**

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Pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 9, Article 1, the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality intends to issue a significant amendment to an Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) to the following applicant:

Facility Name: Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Inc.

Individual Aquifer Protection Permit No. 101679, LTF 62622

Permittee: Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Inc.

The facility is located near Green Valley, in Pima County, Arizona.

The draft permit and related documentation are 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 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment to review the file. The permit and fact sheet may be viewed online at <http://www.azdeq.gov/search/node/public%20notice>.

The public comment period is in effect from May 17, 2017, to June 22, 2017. Comments may be submitted in writing to: Maribeth Greenslade, ADEQ, Groundwater Section, 1110 West Washington Street, MC5500E-3, Phoenix, AZ 85007 or via email mg3@azdeq.gov. Comments must be received or postmarked by June 22, 2017. A public hearing will be held at the Community Performance & Art Center, 1250 W. Continental Road, Green Valley, Arizona, on June 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to allow the public to make comments for the record. ADEQ will respond in writing to all comments submitted during the public comment period.

ADEQ will take reasonable measures to provide access to department services to individuals with limited ability to speak, write, or understand English and/or to those with disabilities. Requests for language interpretation services or for disability accommodations must be made at least 48 hours in advance by contacting: 7-1-1 for TDD; (602) 771-2215 for Disability Accessibility; or Ian Bingham, Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator at (602) 771-4322 or idb@azdeq.gov.

ADEQ tomará medidas razonables para proveer acceso a los servicios del departamento para personas con capacidad limitada para hablar, escribir o entender Inglés y / o para las personas con discapacidad. Las solicitudes de servicios de interpretación del lenguaje o de alojamiento de

discapacidad deben hacerse por lo menos 48 horas de antelación poniéndose en contacto con Ian Bingham, Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator al (602) 771-4322 o ldb@azdeq.gov.