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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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Minerals Research, Inc. (MRI)
Attention: Michael Vick
4620 S Coach Dr.
Tucson, AZ 85714
(Via Certified Mail with Return Receipt)

Subject: Termination of Minerals Research – Cottonwood Plant General Permit (LTF #72319; ATO #122389) and Operation under Individual Permit Application

Dear Mr. Vick:

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has determined that MRI's Cottonwood Plant located at 705 E Birch St., Cottonwood, AZ 86326 does not qualify for the Crushing and Screening General Permit because copper ore slag processed at this plant does not meet the definition of non-metallic minerals as specified in 40 CFR 60.671.

Consequently, pursuant to A.A.C. R18-2-510(C), ADEQ is terminating MRI's Crushing and Screening General Permit (LTF #72319; ATO #122389) as of the date of this letter.

ADEQ's decision to terminate MRI's General Permit is an appealable agency action pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092. MRI has the right to obtain a hearing on this appealable agency action, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.03 by filing a written request for a hearing with ADEQ within thirty (30) days of receipt of this determination. The request for a hearing shall include your name, your address, the specific action being appealed, and a concise statement of the reasons for the request for a hearing.

The request for a hearing must be filed with:

ATTENTION: Hearing Administrator,
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Administrative Counsel
Mail code 6135C
1110 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Email: oac@azdeq.gov

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.06, as part of the appeal process you have the option of an informal settlement conference. If you would like to request an informal settlement conference, you may file a request with the ADEQ Hearing Administrator no later than twenty (20) days before the

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hearing date. ADEQ will hold the conference within fifteen (15) days of receiving the request, so we can meet to address your concerns with the agency's determination.

MRI submitted a Class II Individual Air Quality Permit application to ADEQ on October 31, 2023, and ADEQ determined this application to be administratively complete on November 14, 2023. Accordingly, pursuant to A.A.C. R18-2-510(D), MRI is authorized to operate its Cottonwood Plant under its individual air quality permit application while that application is pending.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please feel free to contact me at (602) 771-4527 or Vaidyanathan.balaji@azdeq.gov.

Sincerely,

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Balaji Vaidyanathan, Section Manager
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cc: Daniel Czecholinski, Air Quality Division Director