

Copper World, Inc. | Proposed Aquifer Protection Program (APP) Permit

Copper World Project

Copper World, Inc., and the Copper World Project is a proposed open pit mine located at 9025 East Santa Rita Road Sahuarita, Arizona 85629. The facility is a proposed open pit mine to extract copper. In addition to the Aquifer Protection Program (APP) Permit, the facility is also seeking a Class II Air Quality Permit.

For detailed information and documents related to environmental permitting for this facility, please visit:
azdeq.gov/wqd/CopperWorld
azdeq.gov/aqd/copperworld

APP Permit

The purpose and scope of an APP Permit is to ensure that a facility is designed, constructed, and operated in a manner that eliminates or minimizes the impact of the facility's operation on groundwater quality through operation, closure, and post-closure.

Draft APP Permit Description

ADEQ proposes to issue an APP Permit, which will cover the life of the Copper World Project, including operational, closure, and post-closure periods. This permit would authorize a new facility to be constructed by Copper World, Inc., which will be named the Copper World Project. The Copper World Project anticipates over two years of construction and pre-production stripping followed by approximately 15 years of operations. Closure activities are anticipated to take between one to two years. Post-closure activities/monitoring are anticipated to occur for about 30 years.

An APP Permit may include, but is not limited to;

- Lined Impoundments
- Active Monitoring
- Reporting/Record Keeping
- Financial Assurance
- Inspections
- Corrective Action
- Contingency Planning

APP Permitting Process

Copper World, Inc., submitted its significant permit application to ADEQ on Sept. 21, 2022. ADEQ then reviewed the application and requested additional information from Copper World, Inc. to develop a Draft APP Permit.

ADEQ's technical review process determined that the application and draft permit met statutory and rule requirements in late 2023. Then in Jan. 2024, ADEQ sought public input on the draft permit by publishing a public notice and providing the public with 30 days to review and provide comments. To accommodate requests from the public for an extension, ADEQ extended the public comment period to 60 days.

ADEQ is accepting public comments on the Draft APP Permit through March 11, 2024. The public may submit comments by mail, email, online using ADEQ's comment portal, and at the public hearing:

Corona Foothills Middle School
Vail, Arizona 85641
March 5, 2024 | 6 to 8 p.m.

ADEQ will review and consider comments received before taking final permitting decision. Comments must be postmarked or received by March 11, 2024 to be considered.



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ADEQ values and appreciates your input. Your perspectives and insights are an important part of our decision-making process.

An overview of the APP permitting process and community involvement opportunities:



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