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# Arizona Department of Environmental Quality



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*Via Electronic Mail and Mail*

Re: **Decision to Grant an Aquifer Protection Permit (APP); Individual APP to Copper World Operations** Inventory Number: 513690 LTF ID: 90620

Dear Commenter,

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) thanks you for your participation in the public process for APP No. **P-513690** for **Copper World, Inc.** ADEQ has completed the public comment period for the above-referenced facility. Public feedback is a critical component of the permitting process. ADEQ carefully reviewed and considered all the comments received during the formal comment period.

ADEQ has made a final decision to issue the Individual APP for Copper World Operations in Sahuarita, Arizona. The final permit issued reflects several changes made based on the comments we received. Please find ADEQ's responses to the comments submitted during the public comment period from **Jan. 5, 2024**, to **April 10, 2024**, along with the final copies of the permit and executive summary on the permit of interest page at <https://azdeq.gov/wqd/CopperWorld>.

This decision is an appealable agency action under A.R.S. § 41-1092. You have a right to request a hearing and file an appeal under A.R.S. § 41-1092.03(B). You must file a written Request for Hearing or Notice of Appeal within **30 days** of your receipt of this Notice. A Request for Hearing or Notice of Appeal is filed when it is received by ADEQ's Hearing Administrator as follows:

ADEQ  
Director's Office, Administrative Counsel  
Attn: Veronica Cabral, Hearing Administrator  
1110 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Phoenix Office  
1110 W. Washington St. | Phoenix, AZ 85007  
602-771-2300

Southern Regional Office  
400 W. Congress St. | Suite 433 | Tucson, AZ 85701  
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The Request for Hearing or Notice of Appeal shall identify the party, the party's address, the agency and the action being appealed and shall contain a concise statement of the reasons for the appeal. Upon proper filing of a Request for Hearing or Notice of Appeal, ADEQ will serve a Notice of Hearing on all parties to the appeal. If you file a timely Request for Hearing or Notice of Appeal you have a right to request an informal settlement conference with ADEQ under A.R.S. § 41-1092.06. This request must be made in writing no later than **20 days** before a scheduled hearing and must be filed with the Hearing Administrator at the above address.

Thank you for your interest in protecting Arizona's environment. Public comments are a vital component to the permitting process. Should you have any comments or questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [groundwater.comments@azdeq.gov](mailto:groundwater.comments@azdeq.gov) or at **(602) 771-2300**.

Thank you,

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality