

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



Case ID #: 229693

September 16, 2025

Gold Paradise Peak Inc.
Attention: Songqiang Chen
1660 S Amphlett Blvd
Ste 104
San Mateo, CA 94402

Subject: 570 Adit Waste/Tailings Senator Highway, Place ID 185727
LAT: 34d, 25', 34.5" N LNG: 112d, 25', 55.8" W

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

This Notice of Violation (NOV) is an informal compliance assurance tool used by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to put a responsible party (such as a facility owner or operator) on notice that the Department alleges a significant violation of an environmental requirement has occurred and this notice describes the facts known to ADEQ at the time of issuance. ADEQ has reason to believe that Gold Paradise Peak Inc. as the owner/operator of 570 Adit Waste/Tailings Senator Highway has violated a requirement of the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.), a rule within the Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), or an applicable permit, license, or administrative order. ADEQ identified the violations alleged below during a file review completed on September 15. See the Evidence of Compliance section below for the actions necessary to demonstrate resolution of the alleged violation(s).

ADEQ reserves the right to take a formal enforcement action, such as issuing an administrative order or filing a civil lawsuit, regardless of whether the Department has issued an NOV. Neither ADEQ's issuance of an NOV nor its failure to do so precludes the Department from pursuing these remedies. However, the timeliness of a complete response to this notice will be considered by ADEQ in determining if and how to pursue such remedies.

If this NOV is a result of an inspection then the NOV also serves as a monthly status update as required by A.R.S. § 41-1009(J).

I. LEGAL AUTHORITY and NATURE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION(S)

- A.R.S. § 49-255.01(A) / A.A.C. R18-9-A905(A)(1)(d) / 40 CFR § 122.26(a)(1)(ii)**
Discharge of storm water associated with an industrial activity without a permit.

On April 17, 2025, Gold Paradise Peak Inc. (GPPI) failed to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) for coverage under the Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity - Mineral Industry to Protected Surface Waters (also known as the "Mining Stormwater Permit"). As an existing discharger, the deadline to submit a new NOI under the 2024 Mining Stormwater Permit was April 16, 2025. As of today, GPPI has not submitted a new NOI.

II. EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE

Main Office

1110 W Washington Street ● Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 771-2300

Southern Regional Office

400 W Congress Street ● Suite 433 ● Tucson, AZ 85701
(520) 628-6733

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If you believe this Notice contains violations that did not occur, please submit evidence within 10 calendar days of receipt of this Notice demonstrating that the violation(s) never occurred. Upon receipt of such evidence, if ADEQ agrees that the violations(s) did not occur, ADEQ will either rescind or amend the Notice. ADEQ will provide you with the conclusion of its evaluation.

Otherwise, please provide evidence of compliance by meeting the conditions below. If ADEQ recommends a condition to assist you in achieving compliance, it will clearly note that the condition is recommended to be met and is not required by law.

1. Within 7 calendar days of receipt of this Notice, please submit an effective NOI for coverage under the AZPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity - Mineral Industry to Protected Surface Waters.

III. SUBMITTING COMPLIANCE EVIDENCE

Please send all compliance evidence and any other written correspondence regarding this Notice by email to saeed.steven@azdeq.gov or by mail to the following address:

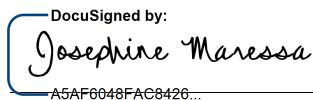
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Attention: Steven Saeed, Surface Water Protection Inspections, Compliance and Enforcement, 400 W Congress, Ste 433, Tucson, AZ 85701 MC: 5415B-2

IV. STATEMENT OF CONSEQUENCES

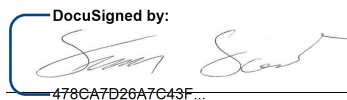
Timely and good faith efforts to achieve and provide evidence of compliance within the time frames established in this Notice will be considered in determining whether ADEQ will further pursue unilateral formal enforcement, including an administrative compliance order or civil action requiring compliance within a reasonable time frame, civil penalties, and/or the suspension or revocation of an applicable permit/license. If you cannot meet the time frames established in this Notice, negotiate a compliance schedule in an administrative consent order or judgment. Failure to do so will be cause for ADEQ to pursue unilateral formal enforcement.

V. OFFER TO MEET

ADEQ is willing to meet regarding this Notice and can provide information on how to return to compliance. To obtain additional information about this Notice or to schedule a meeting to discuss this Notice, please contact Steven Saeed at (520) 628-6743.

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Josephine Maressa, Deputy Director
Water Quality Division

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Steven Saeed
Surface Water Protection Inspections,
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