

**NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE
SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT TO 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 an Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) to the following applicant:

Facility Name: Florence Copper Project

Individual Aquifer Protection Permit No. 101704, LTF 76820

Permittee: Florence Copper, Inc.

The facility is located in Florence, Arizona, Pinal County.

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. These documents are also available digitally by e-mail or print and mail (fee may apply), 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 executive summary may be viewed online at <http://www.azdeq.gov/search/node/public%20notice>.

The public comment period is in effect from August 6, 2020 to September 11, 2020. Comments may be submitted in writing to: Maribeth Greenslade, Project Manager, ADEQ, Groundwater Section, 1110 West Washington Street, MC 5415B-3, Phoenix, AZ 85007 or via email florencecopperapp@azdeq.gov. Comments must be received or postmarked by September 11, 2020.

A public hearing will be held on September 9, 2020 starting 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. The public hearing will be held remotely due to the current health concerns posed by Covid-19. There will be no physical access to the hearing.

If you wish to verbally comment during the hearing, you can connect using the GoToWebinar application using a computer, tablet or phone that is equipped to meet the internet and system requirements. You must pre-register to attend the hearing via the GoToWebinar application using this Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8499401213131968269>

If you do not wish to verbally comment, we strongly encourage you to listen to the webinar using this phone number (562) 247-8422, and attendee code 893-465-287; this will free up space on the webinar for people who wish to verbally comment.

If you wish to verbally comment during the hearing but do not have access to a computer and internet service, please call Mike Sonenberg, ADEQ Unit Manager, at 602 771-4106, at least 48 hours prior to the hearing for assistance.

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, ASL interpretation, CART captioning services or disability accommodations must be made at least 48 hours in advance by contacting Ian Bingham, Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator at 602-771-4322 or Bingham.Ian@azdeq.gov. Teleprinter services are available by calling 7-1-1 at least 48 hours in advance to make necessary arrangements.

ADEQ tomará las medidas razonables para proveer acceso a los servicios del departamento a personas con capacidad limitada para hablar, escribir o entender inglés y / o para personas con discapacidades. Las solicitudes de servicios de interpretación de idiomas, interpretación ASL, subtítulos de CART, o adaptaciones por discapacidad deben realizarse con al menos 48 horas de anticipación contactando a Ian Bingham, Coordinador de Anti-Discriminación del Título VI al 602-771-4322 o Bingham.Ian@azdeq.gov. Los servicios de teleimpresores están disponibles llamando al 7-1-1 con al menos 48 horas de anticipación para hacer los arreglos necesarios.