

**NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE
AN INDIVIDUAL AQUIFER PROTECTION PERMIT**

Public Notice No. 20-72

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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 Individual Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) to the following applicant(s):

Facility Name: Cactus Mine

Individual Aquifer Protection Permit No.: P-513324 **LTF No.:** 86457

Permittee: Elim Mining (USA) Inc.

The facility is located in Casa Grande, Pinal County, Arizona, over the groundwater of the Pinal Active Management Area in the Eloy sub-basin, in Township 5 South, Range 5 East, Sections 26, 27, 28, 33, 34 and 35 of the Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian.

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 June 5, 2021, to July 12, 2021. Comments may be submitted in writing to: Vimal Chauhan, ADEQ, Groundwater Protection Value Stream, 1110 West Washington Street, MC 5415B-3, Phoenix, AZ 85007 or via email Chauhan.Vimal@azdeq.gov. Comments must be received or postmarked by July 12, 2021.

A public hearing will be held on July 8, 2021 starting at 6:00 pm. ADEQ staff will remain at the hearing until the last speaker has spoken, or for 30 minutes if no member of the public attends to provide comments. 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/6137619457051178510>

If you do not wish to verbally comment, we strongly encourage you to listen to the webinar using this phone number (562) 247-8321, and access code 218-016-436; 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 translation, ASL interpretation, CART captioning services or disability accommodations must be made at least 48 hours in advance by contacting the Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator at 602-771-2215 or Communications@azdeq.gov. For a TTY or other device, Telecommunications Relay Services are available by calling 711.

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 traducción de idiomas, interpretación ASL (lengua de signos americano), subtítulo de CART, o adaptaciones por discapacidad deben realizarse con al menos 48 horas de anticipación comunicándose con el Coordinador de Anti-Discriminación del Título VI al 602-771-2215 o Communications@azdeq.gov. Para un TTY u otro dispositivo, los servicios de retransmisión de telecomunicaciones están disponible llamando al 711.