

**NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE  
A SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT TO AN INDIVIDUAL 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 a significant amendment to an Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) to the following applicant:

**Facility Name:** Morenci Mine

**Individual Aquifer Protection Permit No. 100193, LTF No. 95351**

**Permittee:** Freeport-McMoRan Morenci Inc.

The facility is located in Greenlee County, Arizona, in all or portions of Sections 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, and 32 - 35 in Township 3 South, Range 29 East; Sections 1 - 36 in Township 4 South, Range 29 East, and Sections 1 - 12 and 14 - 17 in Township 5 South, Range 29 East of the Gila and Salt River Base Line 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](mailto: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 March 8, 2023 to April 7, 2023. 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](mailto:chauhan.vimal@azdeq.gov). Comments must be received or postmarked by April 7, 2023.

A public hearing request must include the reasons for such request.

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