

**NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE
A SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT TO AN/INDIVIDUAL AQUIFER PROTECTION PERMIT**

Public Notice No. 22-17

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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(s):

Facility Name: Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Property

Individual Aquifer Protection Permit No. 101679, LTF 94253.

Permittee: Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Inc.

The Sierrita Property encompasses Sierrita Mine and Twin Buttes Mine, and is located near Green Valley, Pima County, Arizona over groundwater of the Upper Santa Cruz Basin. Legal description is listed below.

Sierrita Mine: Sections 8, 9, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, and 21, and parts of Sections 3-7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, and 24, in Township 18 South, Range 12 East; and Sections 17-20, 29, and parts of Sections 16, 21, 28, and 30 in Township 18 South, Range 13 East, of the Gila and Salt River Base Line and Meridian, Pima County, Arizona.

Twin Buttes Mine: 8,411 acres within portions of Sections 36 and 25 in Township 17 South, Range 12 East; Sections 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34 and portions of Sections 20, 21, 22, 27, and 30 in Township 17 South, Range 13 East; Portions of Sections 1 and 12 in Township 18 South, Range 12 East; Sections 5 and 6 and portions of

Sections 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9 in Township 18 South, Range 13 East; all with the Gila and Salt River Base Line and Meridian, Pima County, Arizona.

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 fact sheet may be viewed online at <http://www.azdeq.gov/search/node/public%20notice>.

The public comment period is in effect from October 16, 2022 to November 16, 2022. Comments may be submitted in writing to: Meisam Peiravi, ADEQ, Groundwater Section, 1110 West Washington Street, MC 5415B-3, Phoenix, AZ 85007 or via email Peiravi.meisam@azdeq.gov. Comments must be received or postmarked by November 16, 2022.

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

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