

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

Public Notice No. 22-36

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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: Johnson Camp Mine

Individual Aquifer Protection Permit No. 100514, LTF No. 92043

Permittee: Excelsior Mining Arizona, Inc.

The facility is located near the Town of Dragoon, Cochise County Arizona, over the groundwater of the Willcox Groundwater Basin, within Township 15 South, Range 22 East, and all or parts of Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36, 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 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 November 30, 2022, to December 29, 2022. Comments may be submitted in writing to: Vimal Chauhan, ADEQ, Groundwater Protection Value Stream, 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007 or via email Chauhan.Vimal@azdeq.gov. Comments must be received or postmarked by December 29, 2022.

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

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