

**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
MORENCI SCHOOLS
VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION PROGRAM SITE
COMBINED COMMENT PERIOD FOR
RISK ASSESSMENT AND
REQUEST FOR NO FURTHER ACTION DETERMINATION**

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 49-181(A), Freeport Minerals Corporation (FMC) is requesting a No Further Action (NFA) determination from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) for the Morenci Schools Site located at 473 Stadium Drive in Morenci, Arizona. The Site is 72 acres and comprised of an elementary, middle, and high school in addition to a school district administration building, bus barn, parking lots, play areas, and sports fields. The schools were built on a former tailings pond that was once operated by the Morenci Mine

The Site is currently managed under the ADEQ Voluntary Remediation Program (Site Code 513333-00). FMC sampled soil/tailings to assess whether the material poses an unacceptable risk to human health and the environment. Arsenic was identified as the primary contaminant of concern. The site-wide mean and ninety five percent upper confidence limits on the mean concentrations calculated for surface soil/tailings, and for soil/tailings across sampled depths are below the Soil Remediation Level of 10 mg/kg. The resulting risk estimate was also below the de minimis cancer risk threshold of 1×10^{-6} . Regulatory closure of the Site is based on a risk evaluation for the current property use.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 49-176, ADEQ requires a public comment period for the following reports:

- The February 17, 2021 *Probabilistic Risk Assessment*, and
- The February 25, 2021 *No Further Action Report*.

These reports are available online at <http://www.azdeq.gov/notices>, and at the ADEQ Records Center, 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ (602) 771-4380, or (800) 234-5677, ext. 602-771- 4380; please call for hours of operation and to schedule an appointment.

PARTIES WISHING TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS regarding either document may do so to ADEQ, Attention: Nichole Osuch, Voluntary Remediation Program, 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007 or osuch.nichole@azdeq.gov; or Attention: Jennifer Laggan, Freeport Minerals Corporation, 333 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004 or jlaggan@fmi.com and reference this listing. Comments must be postmarked or received by ADEQ or FMC by **April 2, 2021**.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2021.

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