

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

Public Notice No. 17-15

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

Facility Name: Trench Camp Property - Tailings Storage Facility

Individual Aquifer Protection Permit No. P-512235, LTF. 65051

Permittee: Arizona Minerals Inc.

The facility is located approximately 5 miles south of the Town of Patagonia, Arizona, over groundwater of the Santa Cruz groundwater basin, in Section 32 in Township 22S, Range 16E and in Township 23S, Range 16E; and un-surveyed Sections 3 and 4, 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. In Phoenix, 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>.

Public Notice period is in effect from October 20, 2017 to November 29, 2017. Comments may be submitted in writing to: Monica Phillips, APP Permits Section, 1110 W. Washington Street, 5415B-3, Phoenix, AZ 85007 or via email mp5@azdeq.gov. Comments must be received or postmarked by November 29, 2017.

A Public Hearing will be held at the Santa Cruz County Complex, 2150 N. Congress Dr., Room 120, Nogales, Arizona on November 29, 2017, at 6:00pm. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow the public to make comments for the record. ADEQ will respond in writing to all comments submitted during the formal public comment period.

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 interpretation services or for disability accommodations must be made at least 48 hours in advance by contacting: 7-1-1 for TDD; (602) 771-2215 for Disability Accessibility; or Ian Bingham, Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator at (602) 771-4322 or idb@azdeq.gov.

ADEQ tomará medidas razonables para proveer acceso a los servicios del departamento para personas con capacidad limitada para hablar, escribir o entender Inglés y / o para las personas con discapacidad. Las solicitudes de servicios de interpretación del lenguaje o de alojamiento de discapacidad deben hacerse por lo menos 48 horas de antelación poniéndose en contacto con Ian Bingham, Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator at (602) 771-4322 or idb@azdeq.gov.