

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE A
STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION OF A FEDERAL ACTION**

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Pursuant to the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 and in accordance with Arizona Administrative Code R18-1-401, the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) intends to issue a conditional State 401 water quality certification for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) CWA 404 Individual Permit to the following applicant:

Applicant: Freeport-McMoRan Safford, Inc.
Brian Musser, Permitting Manager
P.O. Box 1019
Safford, Arizona 85548

Project Name: Lone Star Ore Body Development Project

Project Location: Safford, Arizona

USACE File No.: SPL-2014-00065-MWL
ADEQ LTF No.: 65181

The draft certification is 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 draft certification may be viewed online at: <http://azdeq.gov/notices> on the Events and Notices Calendar for the date of this public notice.

Persons may submit comments on the proposed action, in writing, to Rosi Sherrill, Project Manager, ADEQ, Surface Water Section, 1110 West Washington Street, MC5415A-1, Phoenix, AZ 85007 or electronically to ls7@azdeq.gov. Comments must include the name, mailing address and e-mail address (if available) of the commenter. Comments must be received by 500 pm on **March 3, 2017**.

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 al (602) 771-4322 o ldb@azdeq.gov.