

**PROPOSED ARIZONA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (AZPDES)  
RENEWAL PERMIT**

Pursuant to the Clean Water Act and in accordance with Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R18-9-A907, the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) proposes to issue an Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) Permit to discharge pollutants to Waters of the United States to the following applicant, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions:

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AZPDES Permit No. AZ0020389  
Resolution Copper Mining, LLC (Superior Operations)  
P. O. Box 1944  
Superior, Arizona 85723

Resolution Copper Mining, LLC applied for a renewal AZPDES permit for discharge of mine site stormwater from Outfall 001 and treated mine drainage water from Outfall 002 from the Resolution Copper Mining, LLC – Superior mine. The discharge for both Outfall 001 and 002 is to an unnamed wash, tributary to Queen Creek (Headwaters to Town of Superior Wastewater Treatment Plant outfall) in the Middle Gila River Basin in Township 2 S, Range 12 E, Section 4, in Pinal County, Arizona.

The draft permit was published in the Superior Sun and Silver Belt on June 8 and a public hearing was held at the Superior Junior/Senior High School on July 12, 2016. Due to comments received, ADEQ is extending the public comment period and will be conducting another public hearing. The draft permit was republished in the Superior Sun on August 3, 2016. **A public hearing will be held at the Superior Town Hall Auditorium, 199 N. Lobb Avenue, Superior, AZ 85173, on September 7, 2016 at 6 pm.** The purpose of the 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.

The permit and fact sheet may be viewed online at <http://www.azdeq.gov/notices> by typing the permit number in the “Keywords” search box. The public notice and related documentation also are available for public review, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the [ADEQ Records Center](#), 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. In Phoenix, please call (602) 771-4380 or e-mail [recordscenter@azdeq.gov](mailto:recordscenter@azdeq.gov) 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment to review the file.

Persons may submit comments on the proposed action in writing, to Swathi Kasanneni, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, 1110 W. Washington St., 5415B-3, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 or electronically to [resolutioncoppermine@azdeq.gov](mailto:resolutioncoppermine@azdeq.gov), by September 7, 2016.