



**FREEPORT-McMoRAN**

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**Via Electronic Submittal**

Ms. Nirupma Bhatia  
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
Water Quality Compliance Section  
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**Re: Mitigation Order on Consent Docket No. P-50-06,  
Proposal to Discontinue Quarterly Status Reports**

Dear Ms. Bhatia:

In accordance with Mitigation Order on Consent, Docket No. P-50-06 Section V. Status Reports A., Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Inc. (Sierrita) is required to submit quarterly status reports to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) with regard to *Section III Compliance Schedule*.

Sierrita proposes that ADEQ allow Sierrita to stop submitting these quarterly status reports as they are largely redundant with other reports that are being submitted to ADEQ under the Mitigation Plan *Section 5.1 Routine Reporting*.

The Mitigation Plan includes reporting requirements such as the annual Mitigation Facilities Monitoring Report, annual Performance Review Report, and Semi-annual Groundwater Monitoring Reports which document project status. The Mitigation action project status is also discussed and documented at each of the Community Advisory Group (CAG) meetings.

Further, given the mitigation action has been implemented and is currently in operation, monitoring and maintenance, there is not enough change in the project status to justify quarterly reporting.

ADEQ recommended Sierrita poll the CAG members with this proposal. Those members that responded are all in favor of discontinuing quarterly reporting. Therefore, Sierrita requests ADEQ approve this proposal.

Please contact me at (520) 393-2347 if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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