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December 19, 2008

Ms. Cynthia S. Campbell
Manager, Water Quality Compliance Section
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
1110 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2935

RE: Interim Action Report

Dear Ms Campbell:

In accordance with Mitigation Order on Consent, Docket No. P-121-07 (MO) between Freeport-McMoRan Copper Queen Branch (Freeport) and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), if the average sulfate concentration of a drinking water supply is found to exceed 250 milligrams per liter (mg/L) sulfate, interim actions selection and implementation will begin immediately.

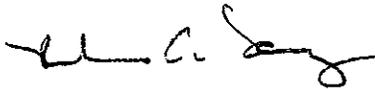
In addition, the MO requires an interim action report to ADEQ within 30 days of implementing an interim action. The report shall "state the name of the owner(s)/operator(s) of the affected well, the location and type of well (public or private) affected, and the interim action selected."

Four wells verified as drinking water supply wells were sampled for sulfate and found to contain sulfate concentrations greater than or just below the 250 mg/l limit set by the MO. As an interim action Freeport has offered to provide bottled water to residents receiving water supply from the affected wells. The attached table provides the information required on the affected wells.

Freeport has directly offered to provide bottled water to the two private wells owners with sulfate above 250 mg/L and the one private well owner with a sulfate concentration just below 250 mg/L (245 mg/L). The NWC-3 well is a public water supply well with approximately eleven (11) service connections that is operated by Naco Water Company. Freeport notified Naco Water Company that it will provide water to customers served by

NWC-3. Freeport did not offer bottled water directly to the users of NWC-3 because Naco Water Company is maintaining the customer list as confidential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca A. Sawyer', written in a cursive style.

Rebecca A. Sawyer
Senior Environmental Engineer
Copper Queen Branch

Attachment

Cc: Stuart Brown (Bridgewater Group)
James Norris (Hydro Geo Chem)

TABLE 1
Interim Action Report
December 2008

Owner	ADWR Program # ID	UTM N	UTM E	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Well Type	Sulfate (mg/l)	Interim Action Selected
Collins, James	565260	3471341.335	602551.286	2331 S. Coleman Street	Bisbee	Arizona	85603	Private	518	Provide Bottled Water
Naco Water Company (Well NW/C-3)	203321	3468342.963	601149.265	P.O. Box #5610	Tucson	Arizona	85754	Public Water System	489	Naco Water Company was Offered Bottled Water for the Service Connections of Well NW/C-3
Seibold, B.M. (BIMA)	577927	3471852.804	6006001.245	2145 South Arizona Street	Bisbee	Arizona	85603	Private	256	Provide Bottled Water
Schwartz, Elizabeth	210865	3468268.057	600811.629	3458 S. Clubview Terrace	Bisbee	Arizona	85603	Private	245	Provide Bottled Water

ADWR = Arizona Department of Water Resources
 UTM = Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 12 Band R
 mg/l = milligrams per liter
 BIMA = Bisbee Municipal Airport

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