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November 24, 2009

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

**Re: Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07
June 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009 Status Report**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

In accordance with Section V.A. of Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07, by this letter, Freeport-McMoRan Corporation, Copper Queen Branch (CQB) is submitting the sixth Status Report. Due to an oversight, a Status Report was not submitted for the period of June 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009. Therefore, this Status Report covers the period from June 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009.

Since June 1, 2009, the following measures have been taken under Section III of the MO:

- Completed second, third, and fourth quarter 2009 groundwater monitoring.
- On June 5, 2009, submitted letter titled Results of Monthly Sulfate Monitoring and Trend Analysis.
- On June 19, 2009, submitted Interim Action Report.
- On July 15, 2009, submitted the Groundwater Monitoring Report for the Second Quarter 2009 prepared by Hydro Geo Chem.
- On July 10, 2009, submitted a letter prepared by Hydro Geo Chem discussing monthly sulfate monitoring and trend analysis at NWC-04.
- On October 1, 2009, met with ADEQ to discuss the agency's preliminary comments on the Aquifer Characterization Report.
- On October 20, 2009, submitted the Groundwater Monitoring Report for the Third Quarter 2009 prepared by Hydro Geo Chem.
- Held a CAG meeting on November 12, 2009.

During the next quarter, the following activities will be conducted:

- Prepare report on fourth quarter 2009 groundwater monitoring.
- Hold a CAG meeting in January 2010.
- Respond to ADEQ comments on the Aquifer Characterization Report.
- Continue to evaluate mitigation actions for the purpose of development of mitigation alternatives as part of the feasibility study.

If you have any questions regarding this Status Report please contact me or our project manager Stuart Brown.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca A. Sawyer', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rebecca A. Sawyer
Sr. Environmental Engineer
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cc: Henry Darwin/ADEQ
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