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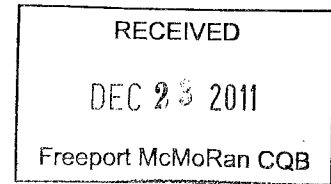
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Henry R. Darwin  
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December 19, 2011

Freeport-McMoRan  
Copper Queen Branch  
Attention: Rebecca Sawyer  
36 West Highway 92  
Bisbee, Arizona 85603



Re: Community Advisory Group Meetings in 2011

Dear Ms. Sawyer:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated December 1, 2011 to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality requesting modification of the Mitigation Order on Consent P-121-07 in regard to the requirement to hold four Community Advisory Group (CAG) meetings in 2011. Pursuant to Section XIII. of the Mitigation Order, modifications may be made to the Order under mutual consent.

ADEQ is in agreement with Freeport-McMoRan's justification and request to not hold any additional CAG meetings in 2011. The Agency's concurrence is based upon the fact that meetings were held on July 19, 2011 and October 25, 2011 and that Freeport-McMoRan has been working closely in recent months with homeowners whose wells have been affected by the sulfate plume. In addition, ADEQ recognizes the Open House event Freeport-McMoRan held on December 6, 2011, as an opportunity for the community and interested parties to obtain information on issues, concerns, and other pertinent information.

With regard to CAG meetings for the calendar year 2012, ADEQ looks forward to attending the next scheduled meeting in January 2012.

Sincerely,

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