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February 24, 2012

Ms. Mindi Cross
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
December 1, 2011 through February 28, 2012

Dear Ms. Cross:

Freeport-McMoRan Corporation, Copper Queen Branch (CQB) is submitting the fifteenth Status Report in accordance with Section V.A. of Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07. This submittal covers the period from December 1, 2011 through February 28, 2012, in accordance with ADEQ's February 12, 2008, approval of the schedule for submission of quarterly Status Reports.

Since December 1, 2011, the following measures have been taken under Section III of the MO:

- Submitted formal request to ADEQ on December 1, 2011, requesting concurrence from ADEQ on holding two Community Advisory Group meetings for calendar year 2011.
- Received ADEQ response dated December 19, 2011, concurring with holding two Community Advisory Group meetings in calendar year 2011.
- Submitted Fourth Quarter 2011, quarterly groundwater monitoring report dated January 19, 2012.
- Held first Community Advisory Board meeting of 2012 on January 26, 2012.
- Submitted to ADEQ Proposal to Modify Work Plan Schedule on January 24, 2012.
- Completed first quarter 2012 groundwater monitoring.
- Completed meetings with well owners in the Naco Highway/Purdy Lane area electing to have replacement wells installed.
- Started drilling project for replacement well installations.

- Continued working with Naco Water Company for planned mitigation of NWC – 03.
- Continued working with Arizona Water Company on implementation of pipeline extensions for private well mitigation in San Jose area.

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

- Complete second quarter 2012 groundwater monitoring.
- Prepare report on first quarter 2012 groundwater monitoring.
- Continue working on implementation of selected mitigation options.
- Submit Feasibility Study and Mitigation Plan for Affected Drinking Water Supplies by March 31, 2012.

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

Sincerely,



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