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August 30, 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**  
**June 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012**

Dear Ms. Cross:

Freeport-McMoRan Corporation, Copper Queen Branch (CQB) is submitting the seventeenth Status Report in accordance with Section V.A. of Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07. This submittal covers the period from June 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012, in accordance with ADEQ's February 12, 2008, approval of the schedule for submission of quarterly Status Reports.

Since June 1, 2012, the following measures have been taken under Section III of the MO:

- Submitted Second Quarter 2012, quarterly groundwater monitoring report dated June 27, 2012.
- Completed third quarter 2012 groundwater monitoring except for wells that will receive monthly sampling in September.
- Continued drilling project for replacement well installations. The wells at the Franco, Pionke and McConnell properties were completed and construction of the well at the Anderson property is in progress.
- Continued working with Naco Water Company (NWC) for planned mitigation of NWC – 03. NWC has received ADEQ Approval to Construct the planned upgrades for well sites NWC03 and NWC06, and the pipeline extension. NWC solicited bids for the construction project. The bids are due to NWC on August 31.
- Completed work with Arizona Water Company (AWC) on implementation of pipeline extensions for private well mitigation in San Jose area. All three residences in the San Jose area are now connected to AWC for drinking water supply.

- Held the second Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting for 2012 on July 10.

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

- Implement fourth quarter 2012 groundwater monitoring.
- Begin work on third quarter 2012 groundwater monitoring report.
- Continue working on implementation of selected mitigation options.
- Hold third CAG meeting for 2012.

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

Sincerely,



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