



Copper Queen Branch/Freeport-McMoRan Corporation
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October 31, 2012

Commissioner Paul Newman
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 West Washington – 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

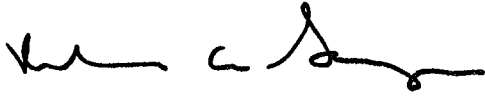
Re: Mitigation Order on Consent No. P-121-07
Freeport-McMoRan Corporation, Copper Queen Branch

Commissioner Newman:

Freeport-McMoRan Corporation, Copper Queen Branch (CQB) is submitting this letter to your office to correct information members of your staff heard at the July 10, 2012 Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Bisbee Sulfate Mitigation Order. This public meeting was held in Bisbee, Arizona and attended by persons from your office, members of the CAG, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality representatives, and local press. At the meeting, CAG member Arizona Water Company (AWC) stated verbally that sulfate concentrations in a private drinking water supply well had increased “dramatically” since the previous sampling event. CQB requested that AWC provide the laboratory results for sulfate to support their statement. On October 9, 2012, AWC provided CQB with a graph of water quality data for chloride and indicated that the increase they noted was for chloride rather than sulfate. The AWC graph showing chloride concentrations and a graph of sulfate concentrations prepared by CQB’s consultant for the private well are attached for your information. While the AWC data show an increase in chloride at the private well, this constituent is not related to either the sulfate plume being addressed under the Mitigation Order or mining activities on the CQB property. Because staff from your office attended the July 10, 2012 CAG and asked questions about the representations made by AWC, we want to correct the record so that you have an accurate account.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding this information please contact me at 520-432-6206.

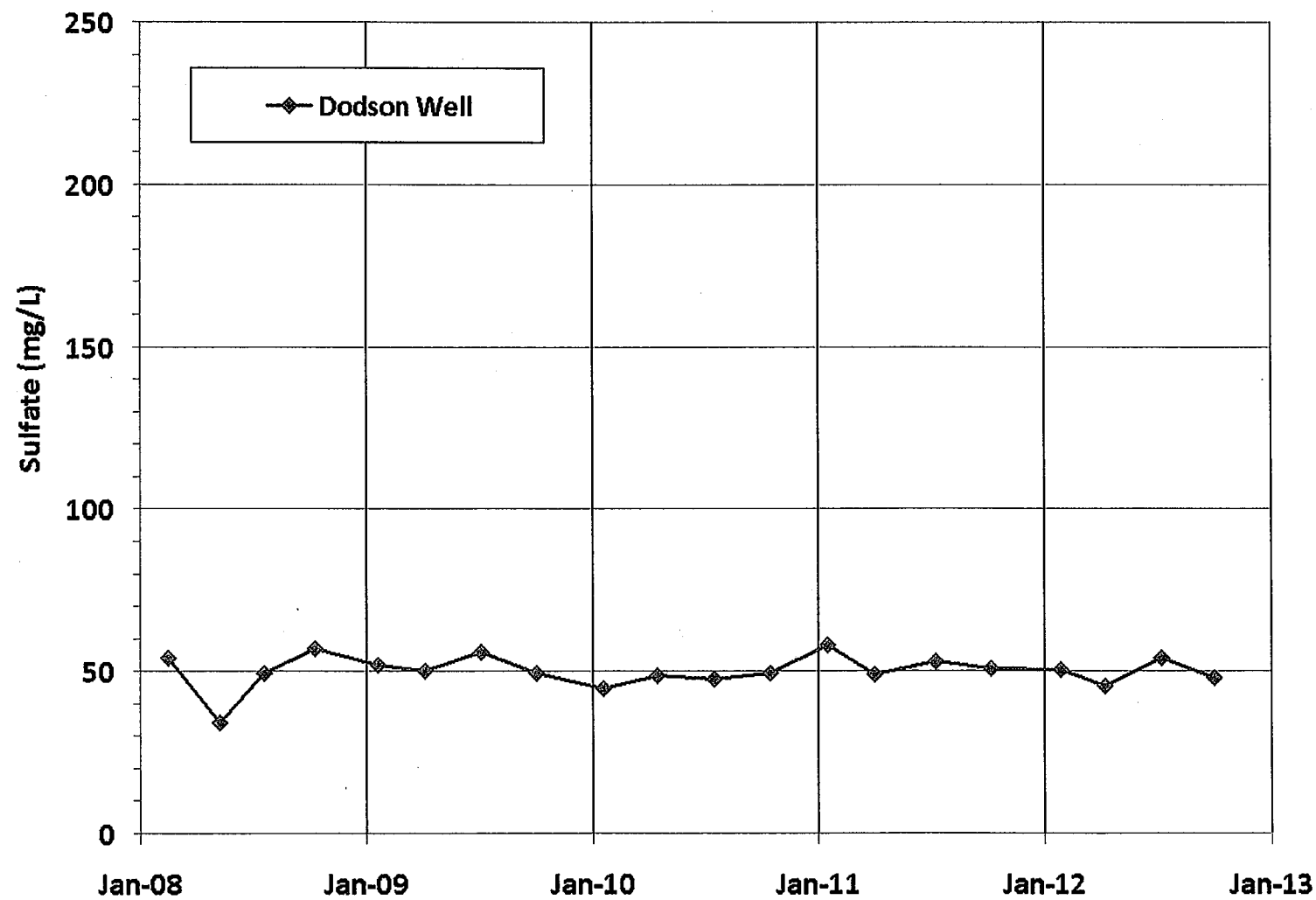
Sincerely,

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

Rebecca A. Sawyer
Sr. Environmental Coordinator
Freeport-McMoRan Corporation
Copper Queen Branch

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Dal Moellenberg/Gallagher & Kennedy
Fred Schneider, AWC



CHLORIDE VALUES AT NON AWC WELLS IN BISBEE

Units in mg/L

| MAP ID | WELL ID | Dec. '10 | Mar. '11 | June '11 | Sept. '11 | Nov. '11 | Mar. '12 | May '12 | Aug. '12 |
|--------|---------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| A | 203321 | 13.9 | 12 | 13.1 | 13.6 | 15.2 | 12.8 | 13.1 | 12.3 |
| B | 903984 | 22.9 | 21.8 | 22.5 | 22.8 | 24 | 22.3 | 18.3 | 16.9 |
| C | 644927 | 189 | 229 | 290 | 312 | 330 | 314 | 390 | 380 |
| D | 509518 | 15.3 | 13.2 | 13.3 | 13.5 | 12.9 | 12.4 | 13.7 | 13.7 |
| E | 627685 | 43.9 | 41.4 | 40.4 | 42 | 40.8 | 33.6 | 41.4 | 41.2 |
| F | 567713 | 23 | 20.7 | 18.9 | 20.1 | 20.1 | 21.8 | 21.7 | 22.7 |
| G | 613395 | 21.4 | 19.6 | 18.7 | 20 | 22 | 19.6 | 19.4 | 18.8 |
| H | 627684 | 27.9 | 25.8 | 25.7 | 26.5 | 28.8 | 24.5 | 24.6 | 26.1 |
| I | 903992 | 21.9 | 21 | 21.5 | 20.5 | 21.4 | 22.8 | 20.9 | 19.6 |

