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March 5, 2015

Ms. Nancy Rumrill
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
Drinking Water Protection Section, Mail Code WTR---3---2 75 Hawthorne St.
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms Rumrill and EPA Reviewers for Draft Class III Underground Injection Control Area Permit Number R9UIC---AZ3---F'Y11---1 Florence Copper, Inc. [Florence, AZ]:

The majority of San Tan Valley residents are appalled with mining activities that were never planned for residential property development as stated in their purchase papers. November – December 2014 the San Tan Valley residents along with Johnson Utilities and Southwest Value Partners were able to defeat the implementation t san in-situ mining operation as proposed by Curis, Ltd. Subsequently, Curis sold its holdings to another mining company Taseko, that thinks it will fair better than Curis.

The major concerns regarding Curis' operations were:

1. No mining experience.
2. Lacking in the treatment of chemicals during in-situ mining and including the transportation of sulfuric acid to the mining site.
3. Injecting sulfuric acid near the aquifer that supplies some eighty thousand San Tan Valley residents. (See exhibit A)
4. Preventing leakage of sulfuric acid by shields against the aquifer that supplies San Tan Valley residents.
5. Lacking a specific plan for water and land restoration.

As for Taseko, there remains major concerns by the San Tan Valley residents. The company's mining experience is limited to pit-mining They have never used in-situ techniques nor do they have experience with large amounts of sulfuric acid. Their proposed tube shields cannot fully guarantee leakage safety. Furthermore, Taseko has minimal assets for water and land restoration and/or bail-out. (See exhibit B)

Dear reviewers, I hope you can understand why the San Tan Valley residents are so concerned about this unplanned and "so called" economic force for Florence and the San Tan Valley in Arizona. This operation will accomplish nothing but fracturing cities and future growth for the valley.

Sincerely,
Debra L. Banks, Ph.D. [contact number and mail above]

Enclosures:

Exhibit A: Curis layout of injection well. Note the close proximity of the aquifer.

Exhibit B: Taseko layout of injection and recovery wells. Note the close proximity of the aquifer.

Exhibit C: Select petitions signed by homeowners.

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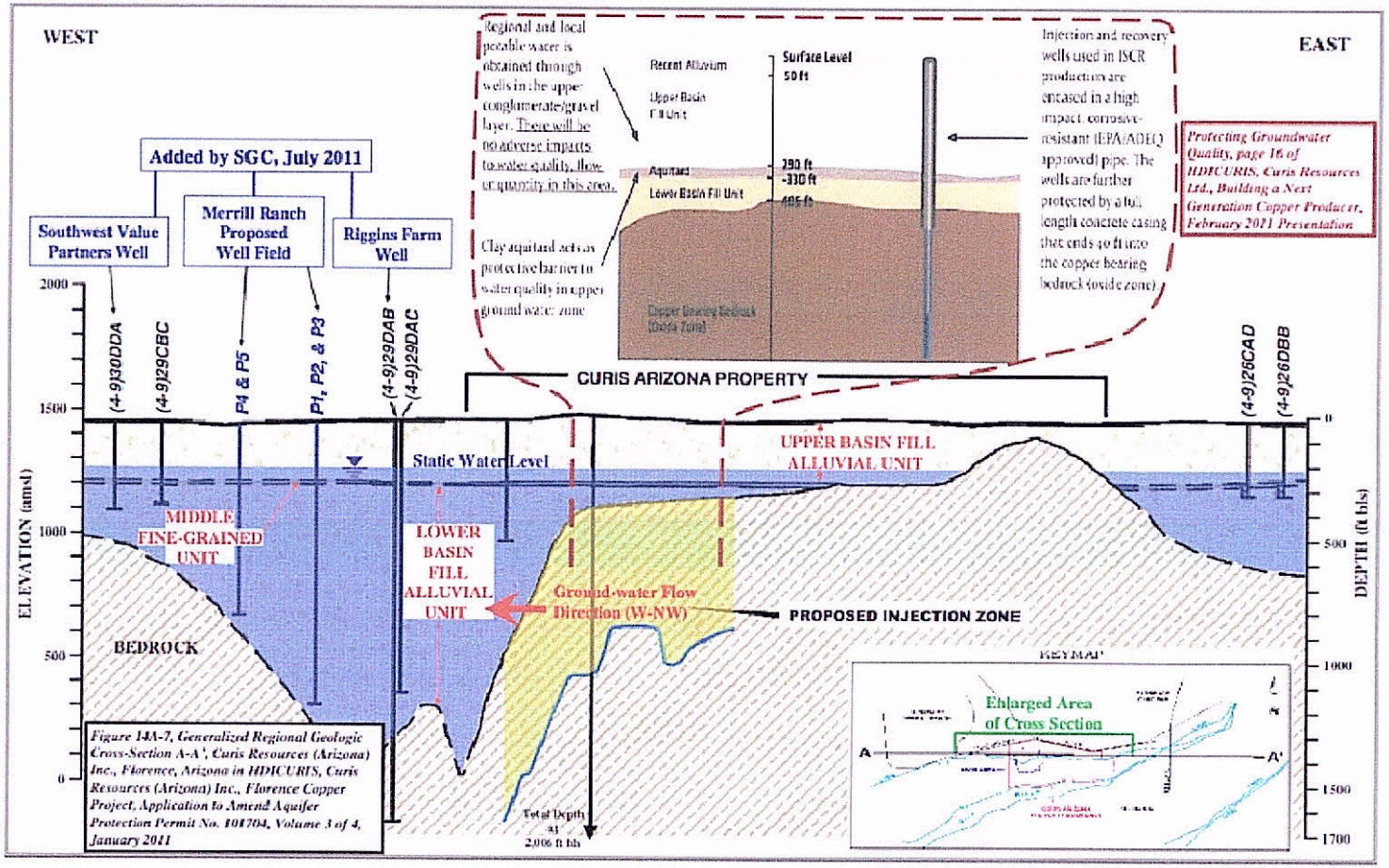
Lower Basin Fill Unit (LBFU)



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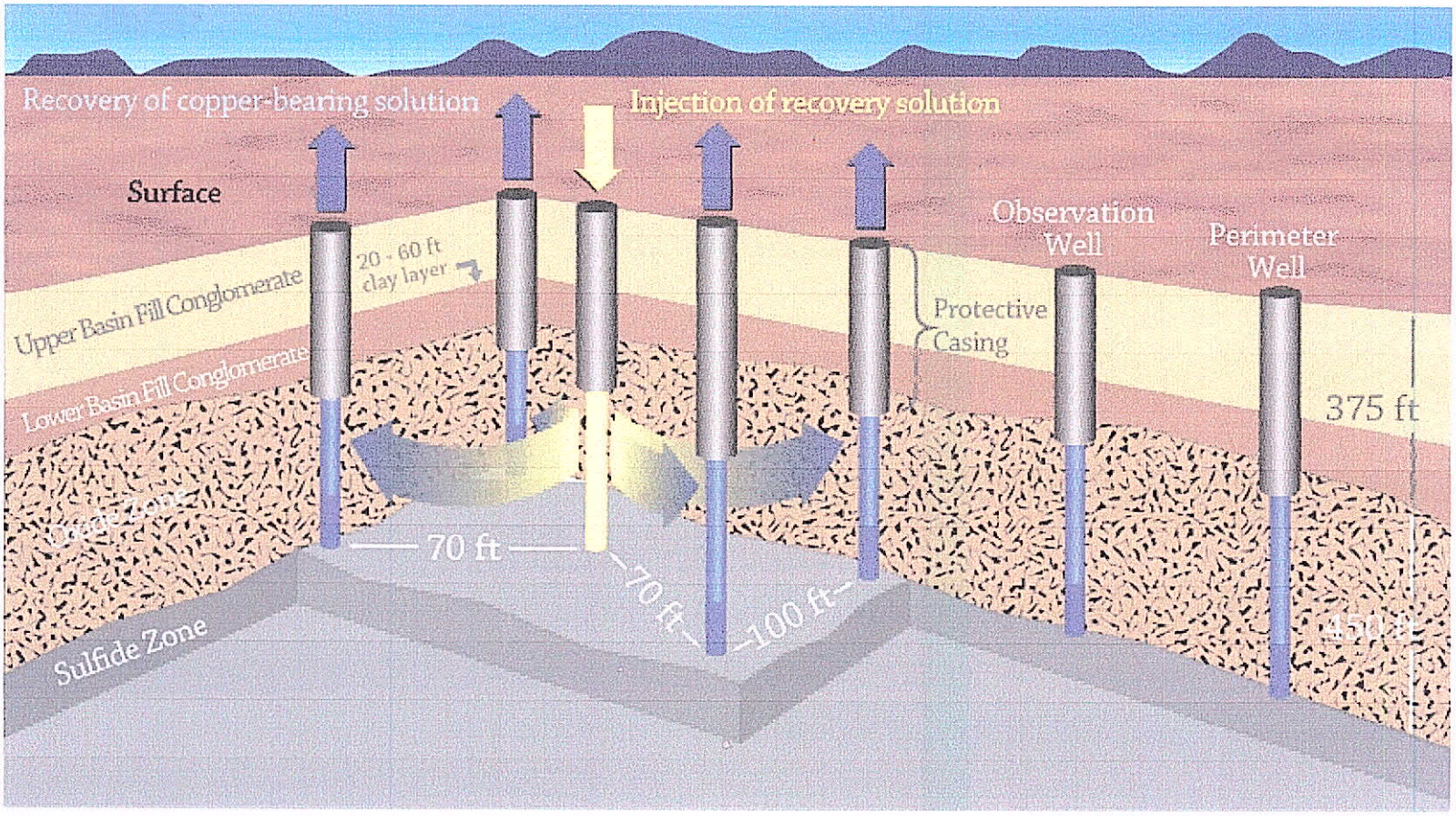

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3	Raymond Bergman				28/2015
4	LAURIE PARSELL				/28/15
5	Donna Zerby				om
6	Erica Miedowicz				2/28/2015
7	John Miedowicz				2/28/2015
8	Matthew Gonzales				t.com 2/28/15
9	Amanda Gonzales				2/28/15
10	Maggie Cummings				2/28/15

CIRCULATOR NAME: Donna Zerby (VOLB) ADDRESS: FOIA Exemption 6 [redacted] DATE: 3/2/15

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5. Shawn Fleet				2/25/15
6. Kurt Adams				2/25/15
7. Dan Smiley				2-25-15
8. Pam Pena				2/27/15
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