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Subject: FW: Region 9 Media Inquiry - Arizona Daily Star, Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine

See Margot's email below to regionalpress@epa.gov requesting permission to respond to the reporter.

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Arizona Daily Star (Tony Davis) –OPEN—[Received 5/12] – reporter seeks confirmation and information on an April 18th meeting between US Forest Service, EPA, Army Corps, Hudbay Minerals (mining company seeking approval for copper mine in the Tucson area), Pima County and ADEQ.

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Subject: Fw: followup on Rosemont--re April 18 Phoenix meeting; From Tony Davis

Margot, These are the questions I sent to the Army Corps this morning. Was EPA indeed at this meeting? Is this review going on as Ms. Fonseca described it? Etc.

Any responses you can get for me would be helpful.

Thank you,

Tony Davis
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From: Davis, Tony
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 7:47 AM
To: heather.s.babb@usace.army.mil
Subject: followup on Rosemont--re April 18 Phoenix meeting; From Tony Davis

Heather,

Just before 5 pm yesterday, I spoke with Julia Fonseca, who runs Pima County government's office of sustainability.

She told me that she and two other county officials had attended an April 18 meeting in Phoenix run by the Corps on Rosemont, at which a number of other key stakeholders attended. Among those were representatives of Hudbay Minerals, the EPA, the Forest Service and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, she said.

At the meeting, she said, she confirmed with William James of the Corps that the Corps' administrative record on the case is open to new information. She said that James said that the kind of review the Corps is now conducting is very rare for the agency and is being done due to the fact that there is such clear division on the mine, with the Corps' LA District recommending denial, the EPA highly critical of it, but Arizona's governor supporting it. Such high-level reviews are done only in "a handful of cases," Fonseca quoted the Corps as saying.

The discussion at the meeting was focused mainly on the mine's impacts to waters of the U.S., potential violations of water quality laws and/or rules and potential impacts on Davidson Canyon, a state-protected "Outstanding Water" located east of the mine site, she said.

Heather, is her account of this meeting, and particularly of what James said, generally accurate?

Here are some other questions:

-- What is the the purpose of this latest review?

-- Is the Corps' record on the case open to new information from other parties including the general public? Or only those parties who attended the April 18 meeting in Phoenix? Fonseca indicated that she thought "anyone" can now submit new information?

-- When did the Corps initiate this review?

-- If someone has new information to enter into the record on this case, how would they get it to the Corps? Email, snail mail, etc.?

-- How long will the Corps' record on this case stay open for new information?

-- There has long been divisiveness on this proposed mine, including a well-publicized disagreement among federal agencies including the EPA, Forest Service, Corps, Fish and Wildlife Service, etc. So how is this now prompting the review?

That's it. I'm trying to write my story for Sunday but if you can't get me any information now, please reply whenever you can.

Thank you and sincerely,

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