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APPROACHING DEADLINES (NEXT 2 WEEKS)

HEADQUARTERS REVIEWS

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PROGRAM ISSUES
Nothing to report

ELEVATED VISIBILITY
Nothing to report

ANTICIPATED ADVERSE RATINGS

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R9/USFS/ROD/ Rosemont Mine:

- **Description:** The EIS is for a proposed new, open-pit copper and molybdenum 4800 acre mine to be constructed mostly on USFS National Forest Land southwest of Tucson. If the Rosemont Mine is brought into production, it would be one of the largest U.S. copper mines.
- **Rating:** EPA rated the draft EIS as "EU-3" (Environmentally Unsatisfactory – Inadequate Information),
- **Concerns**: In the comment letter on the DEIS, EPA cited the Project's potential impacts on air quality, ARNI (Davidson Canyon Wash and Cienega Creek), water quantity, quality, and habitat, tribal and cultural resources, biological resources, and human health. Upon review of the FEIS, EPA determined that the issues underlying its "environmentally unsatisfactory" rating had not been resolved; therefore, in December

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

- **Status:** On December 28, 2016, the Corps sent a letter to the applicant to signal the Corps intent to not authorize a 404 permit for the current proposal. The key factors identified by the District that support a permit denial are determinations that the proposed Rosemont Mine will cause or contribute to violations of state water quality standards, significant degradation of waters of the US and degradation, and that the proposed minimization and mitigation measures were inadequate. In addition, the Corps concluded that implementation of the proposed project would be contrary to the public interest due to concerns there are adverse effects to cultural resources and traditional cultural properties important to tribes.

HEADQUARTERS INTERESTS

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REGIONAL INTERESTS

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CONTINUING MEDIA/LITIGATION/OTHER INTEREST

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND UPDATES

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