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Nick -

As a follow up to your recent inquiry regarding Rosemont Mine, please find some information and links that you may find of interest.

Rosemont Copper Mine Project – December 3, 2013

The Rosemont Copper Mine Project is a proposed copper mine operation on approximately 4,750 acres predominantly on Coronado National Forest lands southeast of Tucson, Arizona.

The United States Forest Service is the lead federal agency for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In February 2012, EPA rated the Draft EIS "EU-3 – Environmentally Unsatisfactory-Inadequate Information."

The Forest Service posted their Final EIS on the Rosemont project website on November 29, 2013.

http://www.rosemonteis.us/final-eis

For more information about the NEPA review process, a database of environmental impact statements prepared by federal agencies and EPA's comments concerning the EISs, see this link:

http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/

The project will also require a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Please see these links for further information regarding EPA and USACE roles in the 404 permit process.

http://water.epa.gov/type/wetlands/outreach/upload/404q.pdf
http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/guidance/wetlands/dispmoa.cfm

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

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