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From: Albright, David
Sent: Tue 6/20/2017 6:51:56 PM
Subject: FW: Excelsior UIC Permit

Here is what I sent to Tomas on Friday.

From: Albright, David
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 4:02 PM
To: Torres, Tomas <Torres.Tomas@epa.gov>; Montgomery, Michael <Montgomery.Michael@epa.gov>; Li, Corine <Li.Corine@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Excelsior UIC Permit

Hi Tomás,

No problem. Below are a few points about the Excelsior project. Also, late yesterday I learned that ADEQ had an error with their June 14th PN, so they will re-notice the draft APP on June 21st and the public comment period is scheduled to end July 21st.

<u>Excelsior Mining/Gunnison Copper Project</u>

- Excelsior Mining Inc applied for a Class III UIC permit to conduct in-situ leach (ISL) copper mining at the Gunnison site.

- The Gunnison site consists of 9,560 acres located 65 miles southeast of Tucson in Cochise Co, Arizona, adjacent to I-10. The nearest town to the site is Dragoon (pop'n ~210).

- In addition to a UIC permit, Excelsior also requires an APP permit for the project.

- Excelsior is proposing 3 phases of mining over a 20-year period; unlike Florence Copper, Excelsior's permit will cover the entire life of the mining operation (also, there are no NHPA issues at the site).

- In addition to the permit, Excelsior requires an aquifer exemption from EPA; their application encompassed requests for both the UIC permit and the aquifer exemption.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,
David

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Importance: High

I will give ADEQ a heads up that we expect to issue the PN for the Excelsior UIC draft permit in 4Q, at our call with them on Monday at 11am. I was hoping that you could send me a few bullets on details of the operation – is it also an in-situ operation like Florence Copper? Where is it located? Etc. before the call? Sorry for the late notice on this.

Thanks

Tomás Torres, Director, Water Division

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