

**NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE
AN AQUIFER PROTECTION PERMIT**

Public Notice No. 16-43

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Pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 9, Article 1, the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality intends to issue an Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) to the following applicant(s):

Facility Name: Asarco Ray 7E/7F Impoundment Area

Individual Aquifer Protection Permit No. P- 511619

**Permittee: Asarco, LLC – Ray Operations
Box 640
Kearny, Arizona 85137**

The facility is located in the Pinal County, Arizona, over groundwater of the Mineral Creek Drainage area, in Township 2S, Range 13E, Sections 34 and 35 of the Gila and Salt River Base Line and Meridian, Coconino County, Arizona.

The draft permit and related documentation are available for public review, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at ADEQ, 1110 West Washington Street, Records Management Center, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. In Phoenix, please call (602) 771-4380 or e-mail RecordsCenter@azdeq.gov 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment to review the file. The permit and fact sheet may be viewed online at azdeq.gov/cgi-bin/vertical.pl by accessing the notice on the Events and Notices Calendar for the date of this public notice.

Persons may submit comments or request a public hearing on the proposed action, in writing, to Maribeth Greenslade Project Manager, ADEQ, Water Permits Section, 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007 within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. A public hearing request must include the reasons for such request.