

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

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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 a SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT to an Individual Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) to the following applicant(s):

Facility Name: Pinto Valley Mine

Individual Aquifer Protection Permit No. 100329

Permittee: Pinto Valley Mining Corp.

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 Vimal Chauhan, Project Manager, ADEQ, Groundwater Section, 1110 West Washington Street, MC5415B-3, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007 within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. A public hearing request must include the reasons for such request.