

BORDER 2020 ARIZONA-SONORA HARDROCK MINING SYMPOSIA
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BACKGROUND

Environmental issues related to mining in the 100 km U.S.-Mexico Region were discussed at the December 4, 2014 meeting of the Border 2020 Arizona-Sonora Workgroup meeting. The impetus for adding mining to the agenda came as a result of recent high profile mining related incidents, the prevalence of mining in the region, and the fact that mining issues cut across all five Border 2020 Task Forces (Air, Water, Materials Management and Clean Sites, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Enforcement). A key action item from the meeting was a commitment to convene expertise from a variety of federal, state and local agencies, industry, academia, and interested public to facilitate cross-cutting information, technology transfer and stakeholder dialogue. The workgroup co-chairs committed to symposia in the U.S. and Mexico.

OBJECTIVES

- Convene binational technical experts and policymakers from government, academia and industry to develop a common understanding of the regulatory structure, share best practices, and highlight innovative and emerging technologies.
- Develop recommendations for near-term best practices for mines and identify domestic and/or binational follow-up actions that government, academia, and industry can potentially implement (e.g., best practices for mitigation, monitoring QA/QC, sulfuric acid tanker car derailment emergency response training exercise, risk communication training).

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA

- 8:00 Gather/Registration
- 8:30 Welcome & Introductions
- 8:45 Why are we here? -- Background Information on Symposium
- 9:00 Setting the Stage -- AZ/Sonora Hardrock Mining Overarching Facts & Background Information
- 9:30 Roles and responsibilities and scope of authorities
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Roles and responsibilities and scope of authorities (continued)
- 11:15 Communication and Engagement Issues and Opportunities
- LUNCH [on own – plenty of options within walking distance]*
- 1:30 Technical and Operational Best Practices
- 2:45 Emerging Research and Innovation
- 4:00 Closeout Session with Panel Moderators: Discussion of Recommended Action Items and Next Steps
- 4:30 Adjourn

¹ ***There will be an optional tour of Mission Mine (4201 W Pima Mine Rd, Sahuarita, AZ 85629) on Friday, June 26 that will be limited to 25 participants. Mexican colleagues will be given first priority.***