



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION IX  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

**NOTICE OF FINAL PERMIT DECISION**  
**Issuance of the Class III In-Situ Production of Copper Permit No. R9UIC-AZ3-FY11-1**  
**For the Florence Copper Production Test Facility (PTF)**  
**December 20, 2016**

In accordance with the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 40, §124.15, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (EPA) is issuing a Class III Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permit, No. R9UIC-AZ3-FY11-1, to Florence Copper, Inc. for an In-Situ Copper Production Test Facility (PTF). EPA is also issuing the response to comments, pursuant to 40 CFR §124.17. The response to comments specifies the provisions of the draft permit that have changed in the final permit decision and responds to all significant comments received by EPA during the public comment period or during the public hearing. The final UIC permit and the response to comments, along with a copy of this notice, are available on EPA's web page at <https://www.epa.gov/uic/uic-permit-materials-florence-copper-inc>.

On December 7th and 10th, 2014, EPA gave public notice of the draft UIC permit and of the scheduled public hearing. EPA held the public hearing on January 22, 2015. The public comment period ended on April 13, 2015. In this final permit decision, EPA is both revoking the existing Class III In-Situ Production of Copper Permit no. AZ396000001 and issuing this final permit. The final permit decision will be effective on January 30, 2017 in accordance with 40 CFR §124.15(b)(1), unless review is requested on the permit under the appeal process at 40 CFR §124.19.

Any person who filed comment on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing may petition the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) to review any condition of the permit decision under 40 CFR §124.19(a) within 30 days after service of this notice of EPA's final permit decision. See 40 CFR §124.19 for the procedural requirements of the appeal process. You may file documents with the EAB electronically, by mail, in person, and in limited circumstance, by facsimile. Information and instructions on how to file your documents electronically are available in the "Electronic Filing" section on the EAB Website. Please see instructions at [www.epa.gov/eab](http://www.epa.gov/eab).

By mail, requests for administrative review must be addressed to the following:

Clerk of the Board  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Environmental Appeals Board  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Mail Code 1103M  
Washington, DC 20460-0001

Please send a copy of the request to the following:

Attn: Alexa Engelman  
U.S. EPA Region IX, (ORC-2)  
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As noted above, this final permit decision will become effective on January 30, 2017 unless a review is requested under 40 CFR § 124.19.