

# Arizona State Mine Inspector



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Mr. Rod Pace, VP of Operations  
Rosemont Copper Company  
4500 Cherry Creek South Drive, suite#1040  
Denver, Colorado 80246

Re: Reclamation Plan for Rosemont Copper Company

Dear Mr. Pace:

On May 23, 2008 this office received the proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Land Reclamation Plans for the Rosemont Copper Project Operations in Pima County, located on the Rosemont Ranch. On June 27, 2008 we requested further items, which were received on Sept 5, 2008. In accordance with A.R.S. § 27-972, this letter is to notify you the plans have been found administratively complete. We need to temporarily suspend any further Technical Plan review for the following reason.

Each year the State Mine Inspector must make a request to the Legislature for the authority to spend monies from the Mined Land Reclamation Fund. During the FY2009 budget negotiations, the State Mine Inspector's request for authority to spend the monies in the reclamation fund was overlooked. Since the State Mine Inspector depends on the funds in the Mines Land Reclamation Fund to process Reclamation Plans, we regret to inform you that the State Mine Inspector must hold/suspend the processing of your facilities reclamation plan until the reclamation funding is restored. We will notify you if/when funding is restored and work on your plan can proceed.

If you have any questions concerning this determination, please contact Garrett Fleming in the Reclamation Department at (602)542-5971.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Hart".

Joe Hart  
Arizona State Mine Inspector