



MEMORANDUM

Date: September 23, 2022

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner 
County Administrator

Re: **Update the Board on Status of the Air Quality Permit Issued to Becton, Dickinson and Company**

On May 16, 2022, the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) issued the Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD) air quality permit. The permit was issued upon careful consideration of public comments and in compliance with Environmental Protection Agency requirements and the process and requirements described in the Pima County Code. The permit along with the Department's detailed response to public comments was posted on the [PDEQ website](#) and communicated to all parties involved in the permit process.

On June 14, 2022, PDEQ received a single appeal to the control officer's decision on granting the permit to BD. That appeal was heard by the Air Quality Hearing Board during a public hearing that occurred on August 22, 2022. The attached memorandum from Pima County Department of Environmental Quality Director, Barbara Escobar summarizes the appeal as well as the findings of the Hearing Board.

Based on the totality of the information presented, the Hearing Board has sustained and affirmed the permit issued by the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality.

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Attachment

c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Barbara Escobar, Director, Environmental Quality