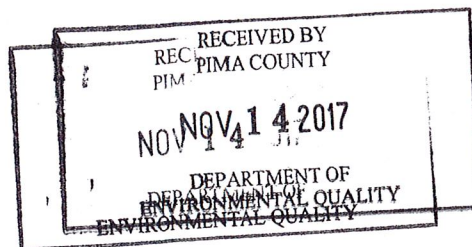




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**Re: Opportunity to Correct # 6067-00041  
Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Inc., Title V Air Quality Permit # 6067**

Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

In response to the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) Opportunity to Correct (#6067-00041) letter dated September 29, 2017, Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Inc. (FMSI) is providing this written response outlining corrective actions to timely discover and repair any holes and openings in the fine ore crushing air pollution control equipment ductwork and throughout the FMSI facility.<sup>1</sup> However, to ensure the identification of other areas of the facility that may warrant repairs or replacement, FMSI established the following action items:

- Conduct a thorough inspection of all crush/convey air pollution control equipment and associated ductwork to identify any damaged or worn areas.  
(Completion target date: 11/15/2017)
- Establish a plan (including timeline and budget) for repair or replacement of damaged or worn areas identified through inspection.  
(Completion target date: 11/30/2017)
- Perform planned repairs and/or replacement of damaged or worn areas.  
(Completion target date dependent upon the inspection results but no later than 12/30/2018)

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<sup>1</sup> As discussed during Sierrita's meeting with PDEQ on October 18, 2017, Sierrita is to provide a written response to PDEQ by November 9, 2017.

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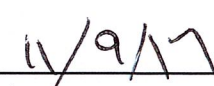
Inspections began on November 1, 2017 and are on schedule for completion by the target date of November 15, 2017. As a preventive measure, FMSI has also updated its environmental compliance management practices to include the following:

- Bi-weekly inspection of all secondary and tertiary ductwork outside the crusher building completed by environmental staff.
- Monthly inspections of Crusher Line, Dust Collector Duct completed by Crush/Convey crew.
- Quarterly inspections of air pollution control equipment and associated ductwork. Environmental staff in coordination with Crusher/Convey crew will conduct dust collector duct and associated equipment inspections.

FMSI is committed to continuous improvement of its environmental compliance management practices and appreciates the opportunity to address PDEQ's concerns. If there are additional concerns or questions, please contact Bryce Cooke, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (520) 393-2419.

I certify that, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in this document are true, accurate, and complete.

David Rhoades, President and General Manager

   
(signature) (date)