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Manny Aquitania
Air Permits Office (AIR-3)
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75 Hawthorne Street
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Dear Mr. Aquitania:

Pursuant to Title 17 of the Pima County Code (§17.12.190.A.2), we are enclosing the ASARCO LLC, Mission Mine proposed final permit for your review. This is a 5-year renewal. The Technical Support and Potential to Emit documents are included as well. The permit application and subsequent revisions/additions received from the source are presented on our PDEQ web site <http://www.deq.pima.gov/permits/ASARCOPermitRenewal.htm>.

A 60 day public notice for the ASARCO LLC, Mission Mine renewal permit began on October 1, 2012 and included publication notices in the Tucson, Arizona area. In addition, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) held a formal public hearing on the proposed air quality permit on November 27, 2012. During the 60-day public comment period and following a formal public hearing, PDEQ received comments. The hearing transcript and comments are presented in the attached documents. PDEQ's Response to Comments is also provided for your review. Public comments submitted are enclosed in the Response to Comments document.

PDEQ requests notification if you determine, prior to the end of the 45-day review period, that you have no objection to our issuing the permit.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Rupesh Patel at (520) 243-7400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mukonde Chama".

Mukonde Chama, P.E.
Air Program Permitting Manager

Enclosed: 12-11-15 Proposed Final Permit and TSD/PTE for ASARCO LLC – Mission Mine
12-12-13 ASARCO Hearing Transcript & 13-01-18 PDEQ Response to Comments