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U.S Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: Marjorie Blaine
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Dear Ms. Blaine:

I am writing to inquire about a possible extension for the one month public comment period for the Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit for the proposed Rosemont mine in the Santa Rita Mountains east of Tucson, Arizona. As is, the period terminates on January 5, 2012. This happens right after the holiday season and at the same time as many other public comment periods and permitting timelines for the project. In fact, the National Forest Service comment period for the project's draft environmental impact statement ends on January 18, 2012. It has been brought to my attention that several stakeholder groups are having a difficult time meeting both deadlines.

Many of the comments for the draft environmental impact statement will have an impact on the 404 permit. It would be beneficial for these comments to be included in the ACOE 404 permit public comments. The proximity of the deadlines puts an unfair burden on stakeholders.

Please consider an extension to January 31, 2012.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress