

September 15, 2010

**INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS**

**RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A SUBSEQUENT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MOLYCORP MINERALS LLC PROJECT; SCH NO. 1999121073; (COUNTY APPLICATION #AP201000428/MUP)**

Dear Reader/Reviewer:

The Initial Study (IS)/Environmental Checklist for the proposed Molycorp Minerals LLC Project is available for public review and comment. The purpose of the document is to identify and describe the probable environmental impacts that would result from implementation of the proposed project. The proposed project is a Minor Use Permit to improve the efficiency of operations through the relocation of the crusher plant and stockpiles; the addition of a combined heat and power (CHP) plant and salt recovery facilities; the construction of updated mineral recovery facilities, central shop addition, a warehouse, truck shop, and a paved access road; with a major variance to exceed the 35 ft. maximum height allowed (by 40 ft. on 15 structures), on 2222 acres. The proposed project is located on 2222 acres immediately adjacent to, and north of, the intersection of Interstate 15 and Bailly Road, approximately 30 miles northeast of Baker, California, and about 15 miles southwesterly from the California-Nevada state line, in Mountain Pass, California. The Molycorp Minerals LLC Mountain Pass project/facility is not included on the list prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

The document has been prepared to meet the State requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The County proposes to adopt a Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. **The public comment period will begin on September 15, 2010, and will end on October 15, 2010.** As of the date of this Notice, no public meeting/hearing has been scheduled for this project.

A copy of the Initial Study/Environmental checklist and proposed Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Molycorp Minerals LLC project is also available for review at the following locations:

*San Bernardino County  
Land Use Services Department  
385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 1<sup>st</sup> Fl.  
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182*

*San Bernardino County  
Land Use Services Department  
15456 West Sage Street  
Victorville, CA 92392*

*Baker Community Services District  
72730 Baker Boulevard  
Baker, CA 92309*

*San Bernardino County Library  
304 East Buena Vista  
Barstow, CA 92311*

*San Bernardino County Library  
11744 Bartlett Street  
Adelanto, CA 92301*

*San Bernardino County Library  
57098 29 Palms Highway  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284*

*Victorville City Library  
(Attn: Lenda Walker)  
15011 Circle Drive  
Victorville, CA 92392*

Copies of all CEQA documents previously prepared for the Molycorp Minerals LLC project (as identified on pages 1-2 through 1-4 of the enclosed Initial Study/Environmental Checklist/Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration) are available and can be reviewed at:

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Further, the Initial Study/Environmental Checklist /Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration is posted on the San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department webpage at [www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices](http://www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices); click "Public Notices-Projects". Comments and questions should be directed to the address below, or by calling (909) 387-4372.

County of San Bernardino  
LUSD/Advance Planning Division  
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385 N. Arrowhead Ave, First floor  
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Sincerely,

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Land Use Services Department

Enclosures: Location Map  
Initial Study/Environmental Checklist  
Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration