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**ATTENTION**  
**YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED FOR ELECTRONIC FILING**

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You are listed as counsel of record in this new appeal/petition but you are not registered for electronic filing with this Court. See Ninth Circuit Rule 25-5.

Until you register for electronic filing or provide the Court with proof of an exemption, you will not receive further notice of filings from the Court in this case, including important scheduling orders and orders requiring a response. Failure to respond to a Court order or otherwise meet an established deadline can result in the dismissal of the appeal for failure to prosecute by the Clerk pursuant to Ninth Circuit Rule 42-1, or other action adverse to your client.

Please register for electronic filing with the Court immediately or file a notice/motion to withdraw as counsel from this appeal.

To register for electronic filing, and for more information about Ninth Circuit CM/ECF, visit our website at <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/cmecf/#section-registration>.



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November 22, 2017

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No.: 17-73168  
Short Title: Town of Florence, et al v. USEPA, et al

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Dear Petitioner/Counsel

Your Petition for Review has been received in the Clerk's office of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The U.S. Court of Appeals docket number shown above has been assigned to this case. You must indicate this Court of Appeals docket number whenever you communicate with this court regarding this case.

**The due dates for filing the parties' briefs and otherwise perfecting the petition have been set by the enclosed "Time Schedule Order," pursuant to applicable FRAP rules. These dates can be extended only by court order. Failure of the petitioner to comply with the time schedule order will result in automatic dismissal of the petition. 9th Cir. R. 42-1.**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

TOWN OF FLORENCE, a political  
subdivision of the State of Arizona;  
SWVP-GTIS MR, LLC, a Delaware  
Limited Liability Company,

Petitioners,

v.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY; SCOTT  
PRUITT, administrator, United States  
Environmental Protection Agency;  
ALEXIS STRAUSS, Acting Regional  
Administrator, United States  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 9,

Respondents.

No. 17-73168

EPA No.  
Environmental Protection Agency

**TIME SCHEDULE ORDER**

The parties shall meet the following time schedule.

**Wed., November 29, 2017** Mediation Questionnaire due. If your registration for Appellate ECF is confirmed after this date, the Mediation Questionnaire is due within one day of receiving the email from PACER confirming your registration.

**Mon., February 12, 2018** Petitioner's opening brief and excerpts of record shall be served and filed pursuant to FRAP 32 and 9th Cir. R. 32-1.

**Mon., March 12, 2018** Respondents' answering brief and excerpts of record shall be served and filed pursuant to FRAP 32 and 9th Cir. R. 32-1.

**The optional petitioner's reply brief shall be filed and served within 21 days of service of the respondents' brief, pursuant to FRAP 32 and 9th Cir. R. 32-1.**

**Failure of the petitioner to comply with the Time Schedule Order will result in automatic dismissal of the appeal. See 9th Cir. R. 42-1.**

FOR THE COURT:

MOLLY C. DWYER  
CLERK OF COURT

By: Holly Crosby  
Deputy Clerk  
Ninth Circuit Rule 27-7

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS for the NINTH CIRCUIT****Office of the Clerk****After Opening a Case – Counseled Non-Immigration Agency Cases**  
(revised April 2016)**Court Address – San Francisco Headquarters**

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Office of the Clerk James R. Browning Courthouse U.S. Court of Appeals P.O. Box 193939 San Francisco, CA 94119-3939	Office of the Clerk James R. Browning Courthouse U.S. Court of Appeals 95 Seventh Street San Francisco, CA 94103-1526	95 Seventh Street San Francisco, CA 94103

**Court Addresses – Divisional Courthouses**

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**Court Website – [www.ca9.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov)**

The Court's website contains the Court's Rules and General Orders, information about electronic filing of documents, answers to frequently asked questions, directions to the courthouses, forms necessary to gain admission to the bar of the Court, opinions and memoranda, live streaming of oral arguments, links to practice manuals, and an invitation to join our Pro Bono Program.

## Court Phone List

<b>Main Phone Number</b> .....	<b>(415) 355-8000</b>
Attorney Admissions.....	(415) 355-7800
Calendar Unit.....	(415) 355-8190
Docketing.....	(415) 355-7840
Death Penalty.....	(415) 355-8197
Electronic Filing – CM/ECF.....	Submit form at <a href="http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/cmecf/feedback">http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/cmecf/feedback</a>
Library.....	(415) 355-8650
Mediation Unit.....	(415) 355-7900
Motions Attorney Unit.....	(415) 355-8020
Procedural Motions Unit.....	(415) 355-7860
Records Unit.....	(415) 355-7820
Divisional Court Offices:	
Pasadena.....	(626) 229-7250
Portland.....	(503) 833-5300
Seattle.....	(206) 224-2200

## Electronic Filing - CM/ECF

The Ninth Circuit’s CM/ECF (Case Management/Electronic Case Files) system is mandatory for all attorneys filing in this Court, unless they are granted an exemption. All non-exempted attorneys who appear in an ongoing case are required to register for and to use CM/ECF. Registration and information about CM/ECF is available on the Court’s website at [www.ca9.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov) under *Electronic Filing–CM/ECF*. Read the [Circuit Rules](#), especially Ninth Circuit Rule 25-5, for guidance on filing documents electronically via CM/ECF, and see the [CM/ECF User Guide](#) for a complete list of the available types of filing events.

## **Rules of Practice**

The Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure (Fed. R. App. P.), the Ninth Circuit Rules (9th Cir. R.) and the General Orders govern practice before this Court. The rules are available on the Court's website at [www.ca9.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov) under *Rules*.

## **Practice Resources**

The [Appellate Lawyer Representatives' Guide to Practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit](#) is available on the Court's website [www.ca9.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov) at *Guides and Legal Outlines > Appellate Practice Guide*. The Court provides other resources in *Guides and Legal Outlines*.

## **Admission to the Bar of the Ninth Circuit**

All attorneys practicing before the Court must be admitted to the Bar of the Ninth Circuit. Fed. R. App. P. 46(a); 9th Cir. R. 46-1.1 & 46-1.2.

For instructions on how to apply for bar admission, go to [www.ca9.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov) and click on the *Attorneys* tab > *Attorney Admissions > Instructions*.

## **Notice of Change of Address**

Counsel who are registered for CM/ECF must update their personal information, including street addresses and email addresses, online at: <https://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/pscof/login.jsf> 9th Cir. R. 46-3.

Counsel who have been granted an exemption from using CM/ECF must file a written change of address with the Court. 9th Cir. R. 46-3.

## **Payment of Fees**

The \$500.00 filing fee or a motion to proceed in forma pauperis shall accompany the petition. 9th Cir. R. 3-1.

A motion to proceed in forma pauperis must be supported by the affidavit of indigency found at [Form 4](#) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, available at the Court's website, [www.ca9.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov), under *Forms*.

Failure to satisfy the fee requirement or to apply to proceed without payment of fees will result in the petition's dismissal. 9th Cir. R. 42-1.

## **Motions Practice**

Following are some of the basic points of motion practice, governed by Fed. R. App. P. 27 and 9th Cir. R. 27-1 through 27-14.

- Neither a notice of motion nor a proposed order is required. Fed. R. App. P. 27(a)(2)(C)(ii), (iii).
- Motions may be supported by an affidavit or declaration. 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
- Each motion should provide the position of the opposing party. Circuit Advisory Committee Note to Rule 27-1(5); 9th Cir. R. 31-2.2(b)(6).
- A response to a motion is due 10 days from the service of the motion. Fed. R. App. P. 27(a)(3)(A); Fed. R. App. P. 26(c). The reply is due 7 days from service of the response. Fed. R. App. P. 27(a)(4); Fed. R. App. P. 26(c).
- A response requesting affirmative relief must include that request in the caption. Fed. R. App. P. 27(a)(3)(B).
- A motion filed after a case has been scheduled for oral argument, has been argued, is under submission or has been decided by a panel, must include on the initial page and/or cover the date of argument, submission or decision and, if known, the names of the judges on the panel. 9th Cir. R. 25-4.

## **Emergency or Urgent Motions**

All emergency and urgent motions must conform with the provisions of 9th Cir. R. 27-3. Note that a motion requesting procedural relief (e.g., an extension of time to file a brief) is *not* the type of matter contemplated by 9th Cir. R. 27-3. Circuit Advisory Committee Note to 27-3(3).

Prior to filing an emergency motion, the moving party *must* contact an attorney in the Motions Unit in San Francisco at (415) 355-8020.

When it is absolutely necessary to notify the Court of an emergency outside of standard office hours, the moving party shall call (415) 355-8000. Keep in mind that this line is for true emergencies that cannot wait until the next business day (e.g., an imminent execution or removal from the United States).



## **Briefing Schedule**

The Court sets the briefing schedule at the time the petition is docketed.

Certain motions (e.g., a motion for dismissal) automatically stay the briefing schedule. 9th Cir. R. 27-11.

The opening and answering brief due dates are not subject to the additional time described in Fed. R. App. P. 26(c). 9th Cir. R. 31-2.1. The early filing of petitioner's opening brief does not advance the due date for respondent's answering brief. *Id.*

## **Extensions of Time to file a Brief**

### *Streamlined Request*

Subject to the conditions described at 9th Cir. R. 31-2.2(a), you may request one streamlined extension of up to 30 days from the brief's existing due date. Submit your request via CM/ECF using the "File Streamlined Request to Extend Time to File Brief" event on or before your brief's existing due date. No form or written motion is required.

### *Written Extension*

Requests for subsequent extensions or extensions of more than 30 days will be granted only upon a written motion supported by a showing of diligence and substantial need. This motion shall be filed at least 7 days before the due date for the brief. The motion shall be accompanied by an affidavit or declaration that includes all of the information listed at 9th Cir. R. 31-2.2(b).

The Court will ordinarily adjust the schedule in response to an initial motion. Circuit Advisory Committee Note to Rule 31-2.2. The Court expects that the brief will be filed within the requested period of time. *Id.*

## **Contents of Briefs and Record**

The required components of a brief are set out at Fed. R. App. P. 28 and 32, and 9th Cir. R. 28-2, 32-1 and 32-2.

The content and filing of the record are governed by Fed. R. App. P. 16(a) and 17. If respondent does not file the record or certified list by the specified date, petitioner may move to amend the briefing schedule.

After the electronically submitted brief has been reviewed, the Clerk will request 7 paper copies of the brief that are identical to the electronic version. 9th Cir. R. 31-1. Do not submit paper copies until directed to do so.

### **Excerpts of Record**

The Court requires Excerpts of Record rather than an Appendix. 9th Cir. R. 30-1.1. Please review 9th Cir. R. 17-1.3 through 17-1.6 to see a list of the specific contents and format. For Excerpts that exceed 75 pages, the first volume must comply with 9th Cir. R. 17-1.6 and 30-1.6(a). Excerpts exceeding 300 pages must be filed in multiple volumes. 9th Cir. R. 30-1.6(a).

Respondent may file supplemental Excerpts, and petitioner may file further Excerpts. 9th Cir. R. 17-1.7; 17-1.8; 30-1.7 and 30-1.8. If you are a respondent responding to a pro se brief that did not come with Excerpts, then your Excerpts need only include the contents set out at 9th Cir. R. 30-1.7.

Excerpts must be submitted in PDF format in CM/ECF on the same day the filer submits the brief. The filer shall serve a paper copy of the Excerpts on any party not registered for CM/ECF.

If the Excerpts contain sealed materials, you must submit the sealed documents electronically in a separate volume in a separate transaction from the unsealed volumes, along with a motion to file under seal. 9th Cir. R. 27-13(e). Sealed filings must be served on all parties by mail, or if mutually agreed by email, rather than through CM/ECF noticing.

After electronic submission, the Court will direct the filer to file 4 separately-bound paper copies of the excerpts of record with white covers.

### **Mediation Program**

Mediation Questionnaires are required in all counseled agency cases except those cases seeking review of a Board of Immigration Appeals decision. 9th Cir. R.

15-2.

The Mediation Questionnaire is available on the Court's website at [www.ca9.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov) under *Forms*. The Mediation Questionnaire should be filed within 7 days of the docketing of the petition. The Mediation Questionnaire is used only to assess settlement potential.

If you are interested in requesting a conference with a mediator, you may call the Mediation Unit at (415) 355-7900, email [ca09\\_mediation@ca9.uscourts.gov](mailto:ca09_mediation@ca9.uscourts.gov) or make a written request to the Chief Circuit Mediator. You may request conferences confidentially. More information about the Court's mediation program is available at <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/mediation>.

### **Oral Hearings**

Approximately 14 weeks before a case is set for oral hearing, the parties are notified of the hearing dates and locations and are afforded 3 days from the date of those notices to inform the Court of any conflicts. Notices of the actual calendars are then distributed approximately 10 weeks before the hearing date.

The Court will change the date or location of an oral hearing only for good cause, and requests to continue a hearing filed within 14 days of the hearing will be granted only upon a showing of exceptional circumstances. 9th Cir. R. 34-2.

Oral hearing will be conducted in all cases unless all members of the panel agree that the decisional process would not be significantly aided by oral argument. Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

Oral arguments are live streamed to You Tube and can be accessed on the Court's website.

## **Ninth Circuit Appellate Lawyer Representatives APPELLATE MENTORING PROGRAM**

### 1. Purpose

The Appellate Mentoring Program is intended to provide mentoring on a voluntary basis to attorneys who are new to federal appellate practice or would benefit from guidance at the appellate level. In addition to general assistance regarding federal appellate practice, the project will provide special focus on two substantive areas of practice - immigration law and habeas corpus petitions. Mentors will be volunteers who have experience in immigration, habeas corpus, and/or appellate practice in general. The project is limited to counseled cases.

### 2. Coordination, recruitment of volunteer attorneys, disseminating information about the program, and requests for mentoring

Current or former Appellate Lawyer Representatives (ALRs) will serve as coordinators for the Appellate Mentoring Program. The coordinators will recruit volunteer attorneys with appellate expertise, particularly in the project's areas of focus, and will maintain a list of those volunteers. The coordinators will ask the volunteer attorneys to describe their particular strengths in terms of mentoring experience, substantive expertise, and appellate experience, and will maintain a record of this information as well.

The Court will include information about the Appellate Mentoring Program in the case opening materials sent to counsel and will post information about it on the Court's website. Where appropriate in specific cases, the Court may also suggest that counsel seek mentoring on a voluntary basis.

Counsel who desire mentoring should contact the court at [mentoring@ca9.uscourts.gov](mailto:mentoring@ca9.uscourts.gov), and staff will notify the program coordinators. The coordinators will match the counsel seeking mentoring with a mentor, taking into account the mentor's particular strengths.

### 3. The mentoring process

The extent of the mentor's guidance may vary depending on the nature of the case, the mentee's needs, and the mentor's availability. In general, the mentee should initiate contact with the mentor, and the mentee and mentor should determine together how best to proceed. For example, the areas of guidance may range from

basic questions about the mechanics of perfecting an appeal to more sophisticated matters such as effective research, how to access available resources, identification of issues, strategy, appellate motion practice, and feedback on writing.

4. Responsibility/liability statement

The mentee is solely responsible for handling the appeal and any other aspects of the client's case, including all decisions on whether to present an issue, how to present it in briefing and at oral argument, and how to counsel the client. By participating in the program, the mentee agrees that the mentor shall not be liable for any suggestions made. In all events, the mentee is deemed to waive and is estopped from asserting any claim for legal malpractice against the mentor.

The mentor's role is to provide guidance and feedback to the mentee. The mentor will not enter an appearance in the case and is not responsible for handling the case, including determining which issues to raise and how to present them and ensuring that the client is notified of proceedings in the case and receives appropriate counsel. The mentor accepts no professional liability for any advice given.

5. Confidentiality statement

The mentee alone will have contact with the client, and the mentee must maintain client confidences, as appropriate, with respect to non-public information.



**United States Court of Appeals  
for the Ninth Circuit**

P.O. Box 31478  
Billings, Montana 59107-1478

CHAMBERS OF  
**SIDNEY R. THOMAS**  
CHIEF JUDGE

December 1, 2014

TEL: (406) 373-3200  
FAX: (406) 373-3250

Dear Counsel:

I want to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Court's mediation program. The court offers you and your clients professional mediation services, at no cost, to help resolve disputes quickly and efficiently and to explore the development of more satisfactory results than can be achieved from continued litigation. Each year the mediators facilitate the resolution of hundreds of cases, from the most basic contract and tort actions to the most complex cases involving multiple parties, numerous pieces of litigation and important issues of public policy.

The eight circuit mediators, all of whom work exclusively for the court, are highly experienced attorneys from a variety of practices; all have extensive training and experience in negotiation, appellate mediation, and Ninth Circuit practice and procedure. Although the mediators are court employees, the Court has adopted strict confidentiality rules and practices to ensure that what goes on in mediation stays in mediation. *See* Circuit Rule 33-1.

The first step in the mediation process is case selection. To assist the mediators in the case selection process, appellants/petitioners must file a completed Mediation Questionnaire within 7 days of the docketing of the case. *See* Circuit Rules 3-4, and 15-2. Appellees may also fill out and file a questionnaire. The questionnaire with filing instructions accompanies this letter and is also available at [www.ca9.uscourts.gov/mediation/forms.php](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/mediation/forms.php). All counsel are also invited to submit, by e-mail to [ca09\\_mediation@ca9.uscourts.gov](mailto:ca09_mediation@ca9.uscourts.gov), additional, confidential information that might assist the mediators in the case selection process.

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In most cases, the mediator will schedule a settlement assessment conference, with counsel only, to determine whether the case is suitable for mediation. Please be assured that participation in the mediation program will not slow down disposition of your appeal. Mediation discussions are not limited to the issues on appeal. The discussions can involve other cases and may include individuals who are not parties to the litigation, if doing so enables the parties to reach a global settlement.

Further information about the mediation program may be found on the court's website: [www.ca9.uscourts.gov/mediation/](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/mediation/). Please address questions directly to the Mediation Unit at 415-355-7900 or [ca09mediation@ca9.uscourts.gov](mailto:ca09mediation@ca9.uscourts.gov).

Our mediators do a terrific job. I hope you'll give them the opportunity to work on your case.

Sincerely,



Sidney R. Thomas  
Chief Circuit Judge

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

Circuit Mediation Office  
Phone (415) 355-7900 Fax (415) 355-8566  
<http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/mediation>

**MEDIATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

This form is available in a fillable version at [http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/uploads/forms/Mediation\\_Questionnaire.pdf](http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/uploads/forms/Mediation_Questionnaire.pdf).

The purpose of this questionnaire is to help the court's mediators provide the best possible mediation service in this case; it serves no other function. Responses to this questionnaire are **not** confidential. Appellants/Petitioners must electronically file this document within 7 days of the docketing of the case. 9th Cir. R. 3-4 and 15-2. Appellees/Respondents may file the questionnaire, but are not required to do so.

9th Circuit Case Number(s):	<input type="text"/>
District Court/Agency Case Number(s):	<input type="text"/>
District Court/Agency Location:	<input type="text"/>
Case Name:	<input type="text"/> v. <input type="text"/>
If District Court, docket entry number(s) of order(s) appealed from:	<input type="text"/>
Name of party/parties submitting this form:	<input type="text"/>

Briefly describe the dispute that gave rise to this lawsuit.

Briefly describe the result below and the main issues on appeal.

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Describe any proceedings remaining below or any related proceedings in other tribunals.

Provide any other thoughts you would like to bring to the attention of the mediator.

*Any party may provide additional information **in confidence** directly to the Circuit Mediation Office at [ca09\\_mediation@ca9.uscourts.gov](mailto:ca09_mediation@ca9.uscourts.gov). Provide the case name and Ninth Circuit case number in your message. Additional information might include level of interest in including this case in the mediation program, the case's settlement history, issues beyond the litigation that the parties might address in a settlement context, or future events that might affect the parties' willingness or ability to mediate the case.*

## CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL

I certify that:

- a current service list with telephone and fax numbers and email addresses is attached (see 9th Circuit Rule 3-2).
- I understand that failure to provide the Court with a completed form and service list may result in sanctions, including dismissal of the appeal.

Signature

("s/" plus attorney name may be used in lieu of a manual signature on electronically-filed documents.)

Counsel for

***How to File:*** Complete the form and then convert the filled-in form to a static PDF (File > Print > PDF Printer or any PDF Creator). To file, log into Appellate ECF and select File Mediation Questionnaire. (*Use of the Appellate ECF system is mandatory for all attorneys filing in this Court, unless they are granted an exemption from using the system.*)

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

TOWN OF FLORENCE, a political  
subdivision of the State of Arizona;  
SWVP-GTIS MR, LLC, a Delaware  
Limited Liability Company,

Petitioners,

vs.

UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY, SCOTT PRUITT,  
administrator, United States  
Environmental Protection Agency,  
ALEXIS STRAUSS, Acting Regional  
Administrator, United States  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 9,

Respondents.

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR REVIEW**

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300j-7(a), 5 U.S.C. § 704, and Rule 15 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Petitioners, the Town of Florence and SWVP-GTIS MR, LLC (collectively “Petitioners”) hereby petition the Court for review of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s final agency action regarding a Class III Underground Injection Control (“UIC”) Permit, No. R9UIC-AZ3-FY11-1 (“Permit”), originally issued by EPA Region 9 to Florence Copper Inc. on December 20, 2016 for an In-Situ Copper Production Test Facility (“PTF”), and appealed by the Petitioners. On September 22, 2017, the Environmental Appeals Board rejected Petitioners’ petition for review of the Permit. By letter dated September 29, 2017, with an issuance date of October 13, 2017, Region 9 issued its Notice of Final Permit Decision, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1.

DATED: November 22, 2017

s/ Jessica L. Beckwith

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MR, LLC

s/ Barbara U. Rodriguez-Pashkowski

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Florence

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On November 22, 2017, pursuant to Rules 3(d) and 15(c)(1) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, a copy of the foregoing was mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid to the following persons who were admitted to participate in the agency proceedings:

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Counsel for Gila River Indian  
Community

Pursuant to Rule 15(c) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, the Circuit Clerk will cause, on November 22, 2017 a copy of the Petition for Review to be served on each of the following:

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Alexis Strauss  
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Washington, D.C. 20460

s/ Jessica L. Beckwith

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Attorneys for Petitioner SWVP-GTIS  
MR, LLC

# **EXHIBIT 1**



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION IX  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

OFFICE OF THE  
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

**NOTICE OF FINAL PERMIT DECISION**  
**Final Permit Decision for Class III In-Situ Production of Copper**  
**Permit No. R9UIC-AZ3-FY11-1**  
**For the Florence Copper Production Test Facility**

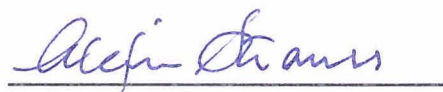
**Issuance Date: October 13, 2017**

In accordance with the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Title 40 § 124.19(l), the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (EPA) is issuing the final Class III Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permit, No. R9UIC-AZ3-FY11-1, to Florence Copper, Inc. for an In-Situ Copper Production Test Facility (PTF). The final UIC Permit and a copy of this notice is available on EPA's web page at <https://www.epa.gov/uic/uic-permit-materials-florence-copper-inc>.

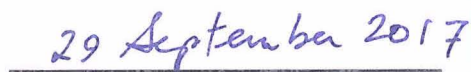
This Permit was originally issued on December 20, 2016, and was subsequently appealed to the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) for review under 40 C.F.R. § 124.19. The Permit was stayed pending review by the EAB. After review of briefs filed in the appeal and oral argument, the EAB issued an order denying the petitions for review of the Permit on September 22, 2017.

The issuance date of the final UIC Permit is two weeks after the date this notice is signed, per 40 C.F.R. § 23.7. This issuance date operates as the final agency action for purposes of judicial review under 42 U.S.C. § 300j-7 and 5 U.S.C. § 704. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 144.39, EPA is concurrently revoking the existing Class III Permit no. AZ396000001.

Signed,

Handwritten signature of Alexis Strauss in blue ink, underlined.

Alexis Strauss  
Acting Regional Administrator

Handwritten date "29 September 2017" in blue ink, underlined.

Date