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Request for Aquifer Protection Permit and Current Permit Status – EValution Energy Project

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Dear Mr. Pippenger,

I hope you are doing well.

Thank you for taking the time to review my earlier inquiry.

I have continued reviewing the publicly available Yuma County documents related to the proposed EValution Energy cobalt sulfate production facility in Wellton, Arizona. Since those documents were prepared in 2022–2023, I understand that additional engineering work, groundwater investigations, and permitting activities may now have been completed.

A registered hydrogeologist recently suggested that the Aquifer Protection Permit (APP), if required, would likely contain much of the technical information needed to evaluate groundwater protection for the project.

I would therefore appreciate your assistance with the following questions:

1. Has an **Aquifer Protection Permit (APP)** been submitted or issued for this project?
2. If an APP is not required, has ADEQ determined that no APP is necessary? If so, could you please explain the basis for that determination?
3. If an APP application exists, is it available for public review? If so, could you please provide a link or instructions on how it may be obtained?
4. What is the current status of any other ADEQ permits for this project, including:
 - Air Quality
 - Wastewater
 - Solid Waste
 - Hazardous Waste
5. Has ADEQ received the results of the groundwater investigation and test well?
6. Are the facility's chemical inventory, site plan, and waste management plan available for public review as part of the permitting process?

If these questions fall under another ADEQ division, I would greatly appreciate it if you could forward this email to the appropriate staff member or let me know who would be the best person to contact.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance. I appreciate any guidance you can provide.

Kind regards,

Maria Coffee

One of a group of concerned Yuma County residents