**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**
**REGION IX**
**75 Hawthorne Street**
**San Francisco, CA 94105-3901**
October 23, 2006

Amy Vasquez
Environmental Manager
Pimalco, Gila River Operations
6833 West Willis Road
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Chandler, AZ 85226

Re: Issuance of Renewed Title V Operating Permit for Pimalco (GR-ROP 04-02)

Dear Ms. Vasquez:

In accordance with the provisions of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), the Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the application for a renewed title V permit to operate for Pimalco's Gila River operations.

A request for public comment regarding EPA's proposed title V permit renewal was published on August 18, 2006 in *The Arizona Republic* and the *Gila River Indian News*. Pimalco submitted comments regarding the proposed permit on September 15, 2006; no other comments were received. We have enclosed a copy of EPA's response to these comments; this document also contains a summary of all changes made to the final permit.

After consideration of the expressed view of all interested persons, and all pertinent federal statutes and regulations, EPA hereby issues a renewed title V permit to operate for Pimalco.

Any person may petition the Environmental Appeals Board to review the Environmental Protection Agency permit decision. Such a petition shall include a statement of the reasons supporting the request for review, including a demonstration that any issues being raised were raised during the public comment period to the extent required by 40 CFR §71.11 and, when appropriate, a showing that the condition in question is based on:

(1) A finding of fact or conclusion of law which is clearly erroneous;

(2) An exercise of discretion or an important policy consideration which the Environmental Appeals Board should, in its discretion, review.

An appeal to the Environmental Appeals Board for review of this permit decision must be filed not later than November 22, 2006 with the Hearing Clerk at the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Clerk of the Board, Environmental Appeals Board (MC 1103B)
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 204606-0001

This permit shall become effective on November 22, 2006 unless a petition is filed to review any conditions of this permit as described above (in which case the specific terms and conditions of the permit which are the subject of the request for review will be stayed). This permit is valid for a period of five years and shall expire at midnight on the date five years after its date of issuance unless a timely and complete renewal application has been submitted at least six months, but not more than 18 months, prior to the date of expiration of the permit.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kathleen Stewart of the Air Division Permits Office at (415) 947-4119 or stewart.kathleen@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Deborah Jordan
Director, Air Division

Enclosures: Permit, Statement of Basis, Response to Comments

cc:
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Trevor Baggiore, *Arizona Department of Environmental Quality* (w/o enclosures)
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Bill Civish, *Bureau of Land Management, Gila District* (w/o enclosures)
William Dowdle, *Arizona Natural Resources Division, Arizona State Land Department* (w/o enclosure)
Patrick Gorman, Environmental Process Technologies, Inc (w/ enclosures)
Kathlene Graf, *Maricopa County Air Quality Department* (w/o enclosures)
Gaye Knight, *City of Phoenix Environmental* (w/o enclosures)
Pete Lahm, *USDA Forest Service, Arizona National Forests Air Resource Program* (w/o enclosures)
Warren Leek, Maricopa County Emergency Management
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Mary Price, *City of Phoenix Fire Operations, Special Hazards Program* (w/o enclosures)
William Rhodes, *Gila River Indian Community, Governor* (w/o enclosures)
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