



**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DECISION BY THE IMPERIAL COUNTY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT TO ISSUE A
RENEWAL TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT (V-4005)
AND AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT PERMIT 4005A-8
TO WESTERN MESQUITE MINES, INC.**

Pursuant to Rule 900, of Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) Rules and Regulations, the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) has made a preliminary decision to issue a Title V Operating Permit to Western Mesquite Mines, Inc. for the gold mine ore processing and production facility located at 6502 E. Highway 78, Brawley, CA. This existing facility is required to obtain a Title V Operating Permit pursuant to Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 63, Subpart EEEEEEE – National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Gold Mine Ore Processing and Production Area Source Category. The Title V Operating Permit, V-4005, will include conditions to ensure that all federal requirements will be satisfied. Pursuant to Rule 206, the ICAPCD has also made a preliminary decision to issue Authority to Construct Permit No. 4005A-8.

The Public has an opportunity to submit comments regarding this proposed decision and request that the ICAPCD hold a Public Hearing. Written comments will be received by the ICAPCD for a period of thirty (30) days after publication of this notice. The closing date for the submission of comments is May 1, 2023. Please direct your comments to the attention of Jesus Ramirez, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District, 150 South Ninth Street, El Centro, CA 92243, or via email at jesusramirez@co.imperial.ca.us. Draft Title V Operating Permit V-4005 and Draft Authority to Construct Permit 4005A-8, the permit application, and supporting documentation may be examined at the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District Office, located at 150 South Ninth Street, El Centro, CA 92243, and online at apcd.imperialcounty.org/public-notices/.

If you have any questions or would like to receive additional information regarding this matter, please contact Jesus Ramirez (APC Division Manager) at (442) 265-1800.