**WHAT IS SOLID WASTE?**

Any garbage, refuse, sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility and other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations, and from community activities.

**WHAT IS AN EXEMPT FACILITY?**

Tailing dams, leach piles, and slag piles at a mining operation are exempt from solid waste program requirements when they are developed as part of the mineral beneficiation (recovery) process as long as other solid material or wastes are not mixed with or placed on these exempt facilities.

**WHAT IF I WANT TO STORE MATERIAL ON A TAILING DAM, LEACH PILE OR SLAG PILE?**

* Storage is **PROHIBITED** without prior review and written approval signed by the Manager of the Environmental Services Department.
* Placement, storage, or disposal of any solid wastes on an exempt facility for greater than 90 days will cause that facility to become a solid waste disposal facility.
* Solid waste disposal facilities are regulated under strict state and federal laws.
* For these reasons the disposal or storage of solid or liquid wastes, on an exempt facility, at Morenci must be reviewed and approved by the Environmental Department to avoid loss of the exemption from solid waste regulations at the tailing dams, leach piles, and slag piles.
* No storage of a solid waste will be approved for a period of greater than 90 days.
* No materials or waste should be introduced into any of these processes without prior approval from Environmental Services. Any materials placed back into any of these processes must be evaluated by Environmental Services.

**EMPLOYEE TRAINING**

All personnel shall receive training or at the least have access to this BMP when dealing with storage or disposal of solid waste/material on tailing dams, mine stockpiles or slag piles on Morenci property.

Training will be provided by Supervisor and/or Team Environmental Coordinator.

**QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?**

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