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**EPA ISSUES UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL DRAFT PERMIT TO FLORENCE COPPER INC.**

**Florence, Ariz. (Dec. 8, 2014)** – Florence Copper Inc. (Florence Copper) today announced the receipt of an Underground Injection Control (UIC) draft permit from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The UIC draft permit regulates the construction and operation of Florence Copper’s injection wells at the site and is the final regulatory milestone required of Florence Copper to operate its Production Test Facility (PTF) in Florence, Arizona using in-situ copper recovery (ISCR) technology.

*“I would like to acknowledge the professionalism and dedication of the staff at the EPA, who reviewed our permit application carefully and extensively,”* said Dan Johnson, vice president and general manager with Florence Copper. *“We are excited to have achieved this critical milestone and look forward to operating our in-situ recovery technology PTF.”*

*“This last but very critical permit from the EPA signifies the agency’s confidence that the Florence Copper project will operate in a safe and environmentally responsible manner,”* said Rita Maguire, vice president and general counsel with Florence Copper.

The issuance of the UIC draft permit triggers the public comment period. During this time, EPA will host an open house and public hearing in the community and may modify the permit before its final issuance.

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