

**Appendix C**  
**Record of Communication (NDEP)**

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RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

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 PHONE CALL     OTHER (SPECIFY)

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TO: John Worlund

FROM: Verne Rosse

DATE 3/28/84

TIME 9:30 AM

SUBJECT

Meeting w/ Warren Schofield & Friend re: Anaconda

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

Schofield expressed that he wanted a status report on our dealings with Anaconda. [Summary of Anaconda's report and our meeting with them on the 14<sup>th</sup>.] He described that a family (Garaud) on Silverado Road had experienced skin burning recently when exposed to Wabaska Drain water. Also Garaud's were saying they have high iron in their water and it is staining their household fixtures.

We also discussed a proposed PCB operation at Weed Heights.

CONCLUSIONS, ACTION TAKEN OR REQUIRED

Schofield needs a letter.

ROUTE TO: 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ File Anaconda

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TO: <i>NDEP</i> <i>J. Demison</i>	FROM: <i>Mike Lacey</i> <i>463-4245</i>	DATE: <i>2/6/90</i> TIME: <i>2:00</i>
SUBJECT: <i>Alleged Sulfuric Acid Spills @ Copper Tech</i>		
SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION: <i>Copper Tech @ Weed Heights</i> <i>(old Anaconda)</i> <i>Frequent spills in excess of 20,000-30,000</i> <i>of sulfuric acid.</i> <i>Tanks by crusher leak.</i> <i>Reported by former employee. States that</i> <i>there are about 20 more witnesses who</i> <i>can corroborate his allegations.</i> <div style="text-align: right;"><i>Q</i></div>		
CONCLUSIONS, ACTION TAKEN OR REQUIRED <i>Kathy - we need to add this one to our</i> <i>list of sites to investigate. DZ</i> <i>I have to draft permit. They have authorization - should inspect soon.</i>		
ROUTE TO: 1 <u><i>GW</i></u> 2 <u><i>Paul P</i></u> 3 _____ File _____ <div style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>Kathy</i></div>		

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TO: Kathy	FROM: Jim Rigby 463-2089	DATE 3/30/90 TIME 4:00 pm
SUBJECT H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> release at CopperTek - Yerington		
SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION		
<p>former employee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) on the East and South edge of pad - the pad has been loaded all the way to the edge - there was a small berm but the heap has sluffed off and covered the berm so solution runs onto the ground - this has occurred continually over the past 5-6 months</li> <li>2) During startup (5-6 months ago) <del>the</del> no berm had been constructed, so solution was able to flow off pad onto ground - a berm was finally constructed but only after 1000's of gal had soaked into ground</li> <li>3) an H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> storage tank has leaked continuously over the past 5-6 months</li> <li>4) outside the recovery room - thickener tanks leak - no containment berms</li> </ol>		
CONCLUSIONS, ACTION TAKEN OR REQUIRED		
5) the filters from processing are sometimes drained onto to the ground - the solu runs down the road to the guard shack -		
ROUTE TO: 1 <u>DZ</u> 2 <u>Paul</u> 3 _____    File _____		

will investigate

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TO: Paul Liebendorfer	FROM: Scott Gibson Arimatec - Tucson OFFICE	DATE 10/12/90
		TIME 2:30 PM

SUBJECT: Exceedence of permit leakage rate

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION <sup>Permit monitoring</sup>  
 Scott was evaluating DATA and found they had exceeded both the quarterly rate and Annual rate limits for the PIP monitoring point. (Leak detection for Pad Sum)  
 Leakage was occurring during site visit on 9/31/90 at which time Ray Birch, VP. Arimatec, was told that ~~the~~ The existing rate would cause a violation of permit limits within 24 hours. He said they would get it fixed right away. (Inspection noted other deficiencies reported in file)  
 The permit requires notification of exceedence of permit limitation within 24 hr. Arimatec did NOT respond until over one month after. They failed to notify both exceedence of quarterly and Annual rates with the time period, and provide required written reports. Leakage continued

CONCLUSIONS, ACTION TAKEN OR REQUIRED for 71 days prior to being corrected.  
 They <sup>(HR)</sup> indicated ~~that~~ Arimatec was having management problems which resulted in delays. The people at the site apparently aren't AWARE of what permit limits are or required reporting (over)

ROUTE TO: Tom F 2 Lenny - 3 File Paul

*[Handwritten signatures and notes]*  
 See comments

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TO:

Paul

FROM:

Mike Fielding  
463-2841

DATE

11/16/90

TIME

11:50 AM

SUBJECT

Spills & Leakage at Arimetco / Yarrington

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

Mike was employed at site as a plumber  
(Fired now)

at Arimetco - Acid Tank in Tank farm area - piping  
continually leaked <sup>piping</sup> sumple completely deteriorated  
which caused settlement & cracking - large  
quantities had leaked, piping so bad  
it could not be repaired.

They continually spill material and cover it  
up - NO Neutralization chemicals ADDED.

liner - Not seamed properly - seems pull apart

(This condition noted during last inspection  
as well as seepage - spillage off liner)

CONCLUSIONS, ACTION TAKEN OR REQUIRED

SAID he would be willing to Testify as to  
these conditions and PRACTICES

ROUTE TO:

1 DZ

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3 \_\_\_\_\_

File \_\_\_\_\_

inspection file  
attach behind  
report + insp.  
report.

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TO: Doug Z	FROM: Dale Johnson Nyon County Building Dept.	DATE: 10/9/91
		TIME: 10:45

SUBJECT Arimetco

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

Dale received a report from Don Tubbals that the floor in the process building is so badly deteriorated from acid that wash down solutions/spills pass through cracks into the ground underlying the building. The solutions are supposed to go into a sump and be pumped back to the leach pad. New construction is ongoing and has not included sumps as specified in the plans.

CONCLUSIONS, ACTION TAKEN OR REQUIRED

Site inspection either 10/10 or 10/11 by Bob + Dave

ROUTE TO: 1 Bob 2 Dave 3 Tom File \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Complaint: 10-17-97Time of Complaint: 10:55 AMSubject of Complaint: Sulfuric Acid & H<sub>2</sub>O GeyserComplainant: Albert Rickenburger

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Complainant Address: FocusComplaint Received By: Corey Lynn KernNature and Location of Complaint: Arimetco

Geyser of sulfuric acid and water are operating 2-5 hrs per day. These geysers blow all over when its windy and deposit residues in peoples yards. The sulfuric acid geysers are located on the beach fields.

Albert also wants to know who he can call if Arimetco operates this weekend???

## FOLLOW-UP ON SUBJECT OF COMPLAINT

Date of Follow-Up: 10-17-97Time of Follow-Up: 1:10

Source Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Source Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection and Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Spoke with Kevin Sullivan (Bureau of Mining) regarding geysers. Mining will address this with Arimetco

1:10 PM - Gary Robertson called Mr. Rickenburger about S.A. and discussed time frame on fixing Crusher. Ask for cooperation in this matter to

Complainant Advised of Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Notice of Violation Issued? \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Entered D-Base \_\_\_\_\_

get them in compliance & relieve the dust problem.

## CONTACT REPORT

AGENCY/AFFILIATION: SRK Consulting,		
DEPARTMENT: Representing NDEP at the Anaconda Site		
ADDRESS/CITY: 102 Burch Dr.		
COUNTY/STATE/ZIP: Lyon County, Nevada 89447		
CONTACT(S)	TITLE	PHONE
Joe Sawyer	Site Manager	(775) 720-3792
E & E PERSON MAKING CONTACT: Benjamin Castellana		DATE: December 7, 2000
SUBJECT: Cessation of Arimetco Activities		
SITE NAME: Anaconda Copper Company, Yerington Mine Site		EPA ID#: NVD083917252

### DISCUSSION:

The START asked Mr. Sawyer when Arimetco stopped mining operations at the site. Mr. Sawyer replied that Arimetco stopped adding acid and mined materials in November, 1998.

The START asked Mr. Sawyer when Arimetco stopped processing copper at the site. Mr. Sawyer replied that Arimetco stopped processing in November 1999.

The START asked Mr. Sawyer when Arimetco abandoned the site. Mr. Sawyer replied that Arimetco failed to make payroll and was unable to man the site in January 2000. The State of Nevada took over the site on January 27, 2000.

The START asked what volume of pregnant solution was present in the leach pads at the time of abandonment. Mr. Sawyer replied that there was an estimated 90 million gallons of pregnant solution present in January 2000. Mr. Sawyer added that the flow rate in the pumping system when the State took over in January 2000, was about 1200 gallons per minute; the current flow rate is less than 300 gallons per minute.