Mineral Resource

BUDGET NEWS

The Arizona State Legislature finally passed, and the Governor signed, a State budget for the fiscal year 1992-1993. The Arizona Department of Mines and Mineral Resources is included in that budget and will continue to operate, aiding the development of the State's mineral resources.

As a result of budget constraints the Legislature has directed the ADMMR to eliminate the mining engineer position that was vacated May 1, 1992 with the retirement of Dick Beard.

TUCSON OFFICE CLOSES

After deliberation, the Department's Board of Governors made the difficult decision to close the ADMMR office in Tucson. This does not mean the end of service for those people in southern Arizona engaged in the development of mineral resources. The following alternatives are suggested when it is inconvenient to visit the Department's Phoenix office.

- 1. Call ADMMR at 1-800-446-4259 from anywhere in Arizona.
- 2. Review file data and library references by phone. A limited number of pages can be sent by facsimile or express mail service. Obtaining complete file data is available through contract copy services. Ask for details. This is a service often used by our constituency throughout North America.
- 3. Use other libraries. Most published reference material is available in Tucson at the Arizona Geological Survey, the University of Arizona Library, the U.S. Bureau of Mines, and the U.S.Geological Survey.
- 4. Schedule a field visit. Within the limits of our small travel budget it may be possible to meet with a staff member for major projects.

We encourage you, when possible, to visit our offices at 1502 West Washington in Phoenix. You will find reference material, mine and prospect files, and other mining related information readily available.

IN MEMORIAM

Arthur William Bloyd, Curator Emeritus of the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum passed away on June 24, 1992. Art was instrumental in reorganizing the museum after it was reacquired by the Department in 1974. Art, known for his consummate knowledge of minerals and enthusiasm for the Museum, was curator from 1974 to 1989 when he retired with a medical disability. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched, especially Arizona's rockhounds and mineral collectors, his friends, and those who worked with him.

Mine Trivia:

Can you name Arizona's newest open-pit copper mine?

FEDERAL MINING LAW REPEAL

Enclosed with this newsletter is a memorandum from the American Mining Congress entitled House Interior Committee Approves Mining Law Repeal Legislation.

DONATIONS REQUESTED

After operating in our new facility for a year, a number of needs have become evident. In view of the fiscal restraints on the State we are asking for surplus items from our friends in industry.

Equipment needs:

Binding machine
Map storage cabinets - flat
Book shelves (12" X 36" X 84" preferred)
PC computer equipment
Letter-size file cabinets

Library needs:

Economic Geology, January 1986 through the present Geologic Society of America Bulletins, Memoirs, etc on Arizona

Industrial Minerals Magazine, Issue #1 - #255 Mining and Scientific Press

Post-1975 mining, mineral processing, geologic, and geophysics reference and textbooks