

# AZGS-ADMMR merger briefing paper

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## HB2584

### Combined AZGS-ADMMR will be champion and partner for education, economic development, and industry

House Bill 2584, introduced as part of the Governor's Consolidation Plan, will merge the

Arizona Department of Mines and Mineral Resources (ADMMR) into the Arizona Geological Survey (AZGS), under the direction of the State Geologist, effective December 31, 2008.

The two agencies currently have overlapping responsibilities of surveying mineral resources and maintaining a repository of mineral and geological information.

#### Results:

The ADMMR duties and mission will continue unchanged as required by HB2584. AZGS is committed to continuing the ADMMR mission.

AZGS will bring financial stability and additional resources to help carry out ADMMR duties.

The new Geological Survey will

be a more dynamic and effective agency.

#### Priorities:

The new agency will organize the existing collection of documents and data to make them more usable and accessible. The agency will work with industry to prioritize data needs.

The new agency will place a high emphasis on putting information on the internet to increase data efficiency and impact.

The new agency will continue customer service and information dissemination functions but will have two locations to better serve the community, one in Phoenix and one in Tucson.

The new Geological Survey will use technology and partnerships with industry and federal and state agencies to foster dynamic promotional and informative activities and materials.



ADMMR's Mining and Mineral Museum in Phoenix.

#### Benefits:

A combined geological-engineering approach to mining and mineral resources will better serve the state.

A more effective and vibrant combined agency will become a champion and partner for science education, economic development, and industry.

The new Geological Survey will ensure that Arizona remains the #1 state in the country for mining production.

#### Agencies facts:

The ADMMR statutory mission will be unchanged.

The AZGS statutory mission will be unchanged.

The AZGS Phoenix branch of office will be housed in the ADMMR building.

The ADMMR Director is appointed by a Board with no outside review. The State Geologist is appointed by the Governor and requires Senate approval.

ADMMR has 8 FTEs (7 state-funded) with a FY08 budget of \$1.35 million.

AZGS has 26 FTEs (12.5 state-funded) with a FY08 budget of \$2.56 million.

More than 40,000 people visited the Mining & Mineral Museum in 2007.

AZGS is headquartered in Tucson, with a branch office in Phoenix.

### Build a world-class museum, improve service, expand funding

The Mining and Mineral Museum has one of the best collections in the western U.S. but has lacked the resources to reach its full potential. Arizona is the number one mining state in the nation and deserves a world-class museum that showcases the important role and impact of mining and minerals in our economy and history. We can make the Mining and Mineral Museum one of the most exciting and premier attractions in Phoenix.

Museum volunteers are crucial to the Museum's success. The new Geological Survey will make

support of the volunteer staff a priority.

The Museum provides tremendous support to rock and mineral clubs, prospector's associations, and educational groups, that will all be better served by the new Survey's expanded capabilities and resources.

AZGS is an entrepreneurial agency with a proven track record of winning grants and contracts, that will now be used to enhance the ADMMR functions.

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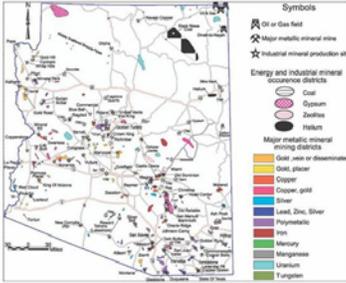
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- ADMMR traces its beginning to the first Arizona Fair in 1884.
- The Arizona Geological Survey grew out of the Office of Territorial Geologist in 1888, became a founding component of the University of Arizona in 1891, where it was long named the Arizona Bureau of Mines, and became an independent state agency in 1988.

## ADMMR mission for quality data and tracking mining activity



AZGS map of mines

*“A more effective and vibrant combined agency will become a champion and partner for science education, economic development, and industry.”*

State statutes direct **ADMMR** to promote and advocate development and production of mineral resources through:

- Field investigations, public seminars, publications, conferences, and mineral displays;
- Participating in conferences, seminars, forums, public outreach;
- Providing technical information and assistance;
- Conducting studies of properties and claims;
- Maintaining a repository of mineral and mining

information;

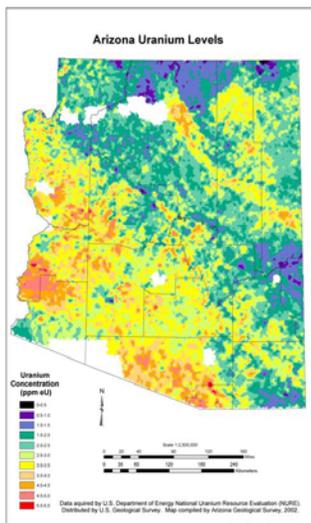
- Providing quality data on promoting mineral development to government bodies;
- Making surveys of potential economic resources;
- Conducting field studies that attract investment to the state;
- Monitoring mining and exploration activities;
- Cooperating with the Corporation Commission relating to the sale of mining securities.



## AZGS mission to provide assistance to government and industry



AZGS map of Arizona uranium levels

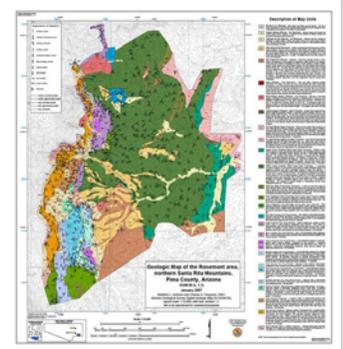


Statutes direct **AZGS** to work in similar areas of mineral resources:

- Provide information on the state's geologic character and mineral resources.
- Encourage the wise use of the lands and mineral resources of this state toward its development.
- Provide technical advice and assistance to other state and local governmental agencies engaged in projects in

which the geologic setting, character or mineral resources of the state are involved.

- Provide technical advice and assistance in geology to industry toward the wise development and use of the mineral and land resources of this state.
- Map and characterize mineral resources and identify areas that have potential for future discoveries.



AZGS geologic map of the Rosemont copper mine.

AZGS maintains a repository of cores and samples that is open for examination, analysis, and controlled sampling.