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In reading the proposed Arizona DEQ permitting process for Hermosa South 32 water treatment and discharge, it appears there are no transparent plans for monitoring and/or remediation of high sulfate levels in the water released into Harshaw Creek and Alum Creek. Because public South 32 documents already report that their first water treatment plan at the mine site is already having to remove excess sulfate from water at the mine site, how is it possible that this is not acknowledged and that there are no requirements for future monitoring and regulation of sulfate concentrations in the effluent water?

After acquiring our property on at 360 Harshaw Creek we have discovered significant issues with extremely high sulfate groundwater levels in the Harshaw Creek drainage; our current well on Harshaw Creek consistently tests sulfate levels of 2600-2800. EPA recommends sulfate levels Please add requirements to the ADEQ permitting process for monitoring and regulation of sulfate levels in the effluent water into Harshaw Creek compatible with keeping us, and our livestock, from getting sick.