

# Jan Espe

To: Arizona Department of Environmental Quality,

Please say no to South32's Hermosa permit (#AZ0026387) for discharge of mine water into Harshaw and Alum creeks. The effects of this would destroy our fragile ecosystem on which so much flora and fauna are dependent. It would deplete ancient water that will never be replenished. There are many that can tout more scientific data but it does not take a trained consultant to know the idea of dewatering of the kind that this mine wants to do is absolutely insane. There is no resource on this planet worth this kind of destruction.

I urge you and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to deny the permit for this project.

Respectfully,

Jan Espe