

Vince Waldron

Dear Arizona Department of Environmental Quality,

Please deny South32's Hermosa permit (#AZ0026387) for discharge of mine water into Harshaw and Alum creeks.

As a year of public lands in the Patagonia area (and a former resident) I know that water is scarce in the area. The few springs are crucial for wildlife. I have read the various reports and impact statements and see that drawing the aquifer near the mind is likely to have effects on nearby water sources. How could it not? The proposed draw down is massive in scale. As I understand it, your job is to protect the water resources of our arid state. Please do that for us, the citizens of Arizona, by rejecting this permit.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Vincent R. Waldron