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Dear Arizona Department of Environmental Quality,

I'm writing to urge you to deny South32's Hermosa permit (#AZ0026387) for discharge of mine water into Harshaw and Alum creeks. I grew up in the Nogales area and I am deeply concerned about the environmental and health impacts of this project. The proposed impacts are unacceptable and fall into two main categories: 1) dewatering due to the "cone of depression" that would be created around the mine and 2) disturbances that would come from dramatically increased flow rates in nearby creeks. Concerned citizens have cited concerns about impacts to their well-being and their environment and I stand with them in rejecting this permit and the entirety of the South32 Hermosa Project.

Sincerely,

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