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Please incorporate PARA's comments into my comment.

I object to the renewal of the South 32 Hermosa pollutant discharge permit, AZ0026387.

Of course this is a "new" mine, and totally unlike anything that was happening 3 quarters of a century ago.

Do you who are responsible to decide this want to be remembered as someone who held the gate open while the toxic pollutants came through, carrying with them an environmental catastrophe in southern Arizona... lost lives, ruined ecology.

If you believe in God and the cosmic law of cause and effect, how could you do other than protect the families and children of our community, by doing all you can to stop this mine? To grant this permit would be criminal.

What is water? As spoken by a few others... It's life... it's a matter of life and death!

South 32 has a public researchable global record of fines, broken regulations, backroom deals, unremediated health catastrophes... cancer, parkinson's, and worse.

That's your mother... your father...your son... your daughter.

They've proven they're not concerned with prioritizing people, health, and communities.

Of course monitoring must be done frequently, and by a third party.

The fact that it's gotten this far and we have to be here shows the vulnerability of our supposed environmental protections, and those who are to uphold them.

Governmental protection entities here seem to have a tendency to strongly rest on the "limitations" of their authority.

What about being the one to take responsibility, when no one else is? To use a term from decades past, what about 'throwing your body upon the gears' of the evil machinations of unscrupulous people who will endanger all life in this region.

You are entrusted with the highest responsibility to protect the people, and are very much responsible and accountable before God, humanity, and all of our local families...

not to your limitations.
Please, take a stand!
Wow - how wonderful it'd be if we could see you really put your butts on the line...!?