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The ADEQ's posted mission statement is to protect and enhance public health and environment in Arizona. In order to fulfill that mission, the ADEQ must be extremely conservative in considering mining permits such as the proposed renewal of Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit No. AZ0026387 for South32's Hermosa Project mine. It is my understanding that this Permit would allow massive mine water discharge into several creeks, endangering human health and the environment in violation of both the Federal Clean Water Act and Arizona's laws relating to surface water quality. Moreover, the reckless waste of groundwater is remarkably irresponsible in light of Arizona's dwindling water resources. Acting in direct opposition to the best interests of Arizona's citizens and ADEQ's own mission statement in order to enrich Australian investors is shameful. Please do not issue this permit and please keep me updated on all aspects of this permit process. Thank you for your consideration.