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Dear Arizona Department of Environmental Quality,

Please deny South32's Hermosa permit (#AZ0026387) for discharge of mine water into Harshaw and Alum creeks. I can't believe we would even be considering pumping our aquifer dry and squandering all that water into intermittent creeks. These creeks have developed their unique ecological niche which will be destroyed with the flux of all that water. Springs will be washed out and destroyed. Should the Hermosa mine be allowed to go ahead with this plan, a whole ecosystem will be wiped out. We will regret permitting this. Generations to come will look back on such a stupid decision and revile this generation to have allowed it. There is nothing as valuable as the water resources we have. Leave it intact. Please do what's right. Deny the permit.

Sincerely,

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