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I STRONGLY oppose the renewal of the AZDPES for the South 32 Hermosa Mine. This cannot happen. Water is Life for absolutely everything and everyone on Earth. Patagonia is a precious place with a precious community of humans, plants, birds, wild game and so much Vital Life. Water feeds us all, it is a Resource that gives us all Life and we must REMEMBER and treat it as such. We must protect our Water as though it was our very own child.

This permit allows for dangerous contaminants into our waters and it will drain the aquifer. The community of Patagonia relies on this water. These actions threaten the health of the community and the environment in every way possible. Again, I STRONGLY oppose this renewal.

We EXPECT, hope and trust that our State agencies will also help protect these lands knowing the high level stakes and consequences that these actions will have on this environment and its people. We hope they stay true to their mandate - "To protect and enhance public health and the environment in Arizona. Through consistent, science-based environmental regulation..."

Thank you,

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