



## TOWN OF PATAGONIA

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Andrea Wood

Mayor

January 11, 2024

The Town of Patagonia objects to the proposal from ADEQ to renew the Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit (AZPDES) no. AZ0026387 for South32's Hermosa Mine Project.

The Town is concerned with the discharge quantity of up to approximately 6.5 million gallons a day of possible contaminated water infiltrating the underground alluvial flow in the Sonoita Creek Basin which the Town of Patagonia draws its drinking water.

Without manganese pollutant levels established by ADEQ and or EPA, the amount of water estimated to be discharged could become a source of pollution to our Town's drinking water.

Again, the Town of Patagonia objects to issuing this permit.

Thank you,

Andrea Wood

Mayor

