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Dear Arizona Department of Environmental Quality,

I'm writing to urge you to deny South32's Hermosa permit (#AZ0026387) for discharge of mine water into Harshaw and Alum creeks. I am amazed that this project is even being seriously considered. With the understanding of how important our groundwater is there is no excuse for mining of this style. We are an intelligent, creative citizenry and we can develop the technology to mine minerals without the heavy use of groundwater. As long as mining companies are allowed to use the old methods and harm water tables, there will be no incentive to modernize and create better systems. Innovation comes when there are obstacles to doing things "as they have always been done". Say no to this permit and encourage innovation.

Sincerely,

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