

# John Floyd

Dear Arizona Department of Environmental Quality,

I seldom write to politicians. However, now I'm writing to urge you to deny South32's Hermosa permit (#AZ0026387) for discharge of mine water into Harshaw and Alum creeks.

The ecological impact is unacceptable and falls into two main categories: 1) dewatering due to the "cone of depression" that would be created around the mine and 2) disturbances that would come from dramatically increasing the likelihood of downstream flash flooding.

Please consider placing this permit on hold until these two, irresponsible and irreversible consequences can be mitigated.

Sincerely,