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Once again AZDEQ is not looking at the effects this discharge might have on the environment and possibly on the Town of Patagonia. You are taking a natural stream and turning it into a man-made river. The system passes through highly mineralized rock and because of the major addition, much more absorption will take place. The fact that there is much water in the system the larger amount of heavy metals will be transported downstream towards the town of Patagonia. The other fact that is ignored is that upper Harshaw which is impaired is less than 1/2 mile away upstream which dumps into lower Harshaw every rainy season. This will also increase the contaminants heading downstream. Why doesn't the agency look at cause and effect, they use the excuse that the water released is clean so they wash their hands of the future mess they might create. Maybe the whole concept of man-made climate change is also a myth.