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Do not issue this permit. Our groundwater is invaluable and the health risk is real and irreversible, as we've seen with other Arizona communities and around the world. Groundwater would already be contaminated by the time any breach was detected. There's no incentive for the company to report accurately and no consequences if the requirements of the permit are not met.

The permit allows the company to start operating before monitoring wells are drilled to allow the agency to obtain natural background levels of contaminants in groundwater. In addition, we don't have safety standards for sulfates in drinking water. It's not worth risking our precious groundwater.

I urge ADEQ not to issue the Aquifer Permit to Copper World. The danger is unacceptable.