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We urge you to request that ADEQ not issue the Aquifer Protection Permit to Copper World, or if they do, that ADEQ properly monitors the groundwater quality instead of allowing the company to self-monitor.

There would be no incentive for the company to report accurately.

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.

There are no consequences if the requirements of the permit are not met.

Arizona does not currently have state standards for sulfates in drinking water.

The environmental consequences of contamination would be catastrophic.