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At the August 14, 2024 Community Meeting, ADEQ stated that ore-processing activities should not be considered sources of fugitive emissions. Specifically, Jeff Christensen, one of ADEQ's permitting engineers said, quote "I don't think it would be unreasonable to account for those as non-fugitive emissions. In fact, I think going back we should probably look at those as non-fugitive..."

If ore-processing emissions are correctly categorized as standard emissions and not fugitive emissions, then total standard emissions, according to Hudbay's application, would require Copper World to be classified as a Class I source of air pollution, not a Class II.

Additionally, it was promised at the August 14 meeting that staff would provide the community with a chart outlining where testing would be above and beyond Class 2 requirements. We would still like to have this chart.

I urge you to reject the proposed air-pollution permit for the Copper World mine. As it's currently drafted, the proposed permit does little to ensure the mine protects our air or environment. At a minimum you must require the Copper World mine to obtain a Class I permit. A Class I permit is necessary so that the mine is *always* accountable for limiting its air pollution and protecting the environment — no exceptions.