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Air quality is a huge concern with a mining operation. They are going to be transporting rock with large trucks on dirt roads. Why can't they pave these roads with concrete? Then, they won't disperse dust to surrounding children playing in school playgrounds or for those who live close by. Also, rock creates dust when mined. We already know that this rock contains uranium and other elements that will harm public health. How are you guaranteeing that this dust does not get to those who are around it.....children and homeowners. This area has high winds and monsoon rains. EXAMPLE: Sulfur dust with water and it produces bad things.....sulfuric acid, maybe? Why would we allow for this to occur with school districts close by and homeowners within 1/2 mile of this proposed mine? Why is this even being considered when we already know that these issues will exist if the mining operation is allowed to proceed? Why doesn't public health matter? This is not even an American company. Are we really going to allow them to put in a mine when the Canadian government doesn't even allow them to put in a mine in Canada? They know how much devastation and destruction Copper World (and other mining companies) cause, but us Americans are not smart enough to realize it?????!!!!!! Why jeopardize the American people's health while the Canadian mining company gets extremely rich? Human health will be sacrificed due to poor air quality IF this air permit is granted. Please consider the after effects and physical and health damage that will result to poor air quality for all of us American people who live close by. The Canadians will be able to breathe, while the Americans will not. The Canadians will be healthy, while the Americans will be sick. Animals will suffer and die. Americans will suffer and die. Think about what you are doing. You must consider all of the after effects to health and well being of everything in the environment. Have you studied any of this? Have you looked at all of the Canadian reports written with respect to this topic? Have you studied the environmental air quality of areas affected by this kind of mine? The data is vast and readily available. Please reference these studies before we all get sick and the environment and animals all suffer because of it.