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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.

Once the damage is done to our rare bio-diverse environment, it cannot be undone. This is a "forever ecological disaster." Consider not only the air, but the aquifer(s) impacted by Hudbay's mining operations.

As a concerned Vail resident, the proper environmental protections (Class 1) needs to be enacted and enforced by the State of Arizona. Hopefully, this permit will mitigate any air pollution caused by this Canadian mining company. Our trust is in your hands.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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