

Lillian Fox

It's intolerable to allow mining with its typical emissions and accidental releases to take place so close to an elementary school. There is no level of lead exposure that is safe for children. Children running and vigorously playing outside will breathe higher amounts of particulates into their lungs and will absorb higher concentrations of chemical pollutants into their lungs and then into their blood streams.

Mining so close to an existing school and residential area is unfair and unsafe for the high risk populations that live there and were there before the mine was proposed. Most of these people would not have built or bought homes in that area, if the mine had already been there. Now with the mine so close, the decline in their property values will not make buying elsewhere affordable.

For safety from particles in the air and chemical pollutants, mines need to be a safe distance from schools and homes.