

Dear ADEQ:

I wish to comment on the proposed air pollution permit for Copper World/Rosemont Mine in the Santa Rita Mountains.

Among the responsibilities stated for the ADEQ Air Quality Division is the preservation of visibility in urban areas, national parks and the wilderness.

Mining by Copper World will cause dust and other chemical emissions to exist in the Mountains and will pollute the air and visibility of the scenic Madera Canyon and the Forest Service area and will affect those who tour and hike in these areas.

I have already stated that I am opposed to mining in the Santa Ritas, as it provides recreational areas and scenic beauty for Tucson and the surrounding communities. This will be destroyed. And the economic benefits touted by Rosemont will wipe out the higher economic benefits of outdoor recreation and tourism.

The air pollution permit should be rejected.

Sincerely,

Juliann R Pierson