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After listening to the ADEQ presentation, I am skeptical about the efficiency of a Class 1 permit. Models are only models. They are prognosticators. What would be preferable is empirical evidence that Hudbay has implemented their proposed system at other mines and that they have stood the test of time. Not just the life of the mine, but beyond as tailing dust blows long after mines have been shuttered. The other concern is the potential sulfur dioxide (acid rain) that could occur from an accident. It could have long term effects on people, animals, flora in the entire Santa Cruz Valley. I urge ADEQ to raise the bar to a Class 2 permit to provide an extra margin of safety.