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Dear Karen Peters,

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. Instead, it gives the mine a free pass to pollute.

The operations for massive open-pit mining includes blasting, ore crushing, processing and the operation of a sulfuric acid plant. This will release thousand of tons of toxic air pollution every year, threatening our health and the environment.

The biggest concern is the deficiencies the permit contains, such as exempting the mine from compliance during malfunction, startups and shut downs.

It fails to require actual monitoring of emissions for all sources to ensure compliance with all limits and lacks specific terms and conditions to ensure the enforceability of all emissions limits. It inappropriately classifies certain emissions sources, like ore processing, as "fugitive", allowing the mine to avoid more strident permitting and pollution-control requirements.

All these deficiencies does not insure the Copper World mine will fully protect the air we breathe.

FOR THESE REASONS AND MORE, I CALL ON YOU TO DENY THE PERMIT APPLICATION!

At the very least you must require the Copper World mine to obtain a Class I Permit. Under the Clean Air Act, a Class I permit imposes more stringent requirements to control emissions, ensure monitoring, and ensure more extensive public involvement. A Class I permit is necessary so that the mine is **always** accountable for limiting its air pollution and protecting the environment - no exceptions.

I URGE YOU TO HOLD HUBBAY MINERALS AND THE COPPER WORLD MINE ACCOUNTABLE INSTEAD OF GIVING THEM A FREE PASS TO POLLUTE.

Thank you.

Rosemary Cashman