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My wife Donna and I are 16 year residents of the Sycamore Canyon community, just west of Corona de Tucson, at the base of the Santa Rita mountains. We are writing your agency to adamantly and emphatically request that you deny any air quality compliance permit to Hubday Corporation's Copper World mining operation.

Our area has essentially constant prevailing east-west winds which can frequently be gusty. These high winds have given rise to the local expression, "the Vail Gale." No economically feasible amount of dust abatement will be sufficient to minimize the significant health hazards to us and adjoining communities from this proposed open pit mine. This is only compounded by the dusty unpaved Santa Rita Rd. access road which will only become more so.