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This is a real example of how the "mines" presence is impacting real estate in southern AZ, notably Green Valley and communities south. My husband and I recently viewed a home for sale that included a whole house air quality filter that was in addition to the HVAC air filter,(2 filters). When we asked the realtor why the additional filter had been installed the answer was simple and direct,"due to current mine dust and potential mine pollutants". Green Valley is predominantly a "retirement" community, the majority of people are very concerned and cautious about contaminants of any form, and choose to live in the area for the climate, the scenic beauty, and the amenities that are appealing to retirees. Now local people and those considering this area for their "golden years", are anticipating the destruction of those aforementioned characteristics in ways that most people need not worry about. My husband and I are now considering relocating to the northern part of AZ,(this is sad because Southern AZ has been my home for over 55 years), but I cannot risk my health or say goodbye to my outdoor enthusiastic hobbies. People's lives are at stake, the flora and fauna WILL suffer dramatically,air and water quality WILL be affected, regardless of all the promises and so called safety precautions,if Copper World is given permission to proceed. Copper World will destroy this part of "our" world, and no entity, be it political,monetary or other,(production, manufacturing, AND mining), has the right or perceived power to do that.