

## Paul Righello

I oppose this mining project which threatens the lives and health of tens of thousands of people. I urge you to deny this project a permit. This mine makes no sense for this area and offers huge negative consequences to the residents of the surrounding settlements. It would double the amount of air pollution in the area and expose residents to harmful chemicals including sensitive young children in nearby schools. It would also have devastating effects upon the unique ecosystem of the Santa Rita mountains. I cannot even believe ADEQ is entertaining this project at all. It is your duty to protect us citizens and our environment from threats just like this one. Do the right thing and deny this project a permit.