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As a resident of the Sky Islands region of Arizona, I cherish our clear skies. I firmly believe a Class 1 permit would be far more appropriate for the level of air pollution possible from operation of the Copper World mine. With Tucson near, air pollution is already higher than desirable. Nearby Saguaro National Park certainly warrants attention as the park experience should include clear skies. The Tohono Nation and other indigenous communities in the region do not deserve to breathe toxic air, and neither do those living in other nearby communities. Artifacts and rock art would suffer deterioration with excess air pollutants.

ADEQ is charged with protecting public health, not with ensuring mines can operate inexpensively. Keep your focus on public health!