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To Arizona Department of Environmental Quality,

I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed air quality permit for the Aluminum Dynamics plant in Benson, Arizona.

This facility poses significant environmental and public health risks due to the expected emissions of particulate matter, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, volatile organic compounds and greenhouse gases. These pollutants have well-documented impacts on respiratory health, air quality all of which are of particular concern in a region already facing environmental stress from drought and heat.

Benson and the surrounding areas are rural and consist of a population more vulnerable to the cumulative health effects of industrial pollution. Granting this permit would undermine community health, regional air quality and Arizona's stated environmental goals.

I urge ADEQ to deny the air quality permit until a more comprehensive, independent environmental impact study is conducted; one that includes cumulative emissions, long-term health impacts and the plant's water and energy demands, which also carry environmental consequences.

Arizona's natural environment and the well-being of its residents must come before industrial development that offers short-term economic gains but long-term ecological harm.