

# Jeffrey Cooney

Greetings...

My wife and I are retirees in Benson, and have been residents for around eighteen years. We chose this area for many reasons, but especially for the unique and spectacular ambience found all around us here. We both were health care providers during our working lives, and particularly value the still clean air and pristine water of our home here in the San Pedro Valley.

Benson, obviously, has transitioned from its previous industrial and mining roots into a tourist, retirement, and especially an RV home base. The economy benefits tremendously from the spending of these relatively affluent residents and visitors.

Clearly, on essentially every level, the Aluminum Dynamic project is an existential threat to the sustainable and relatively clean economy of the area. From a strictly business perspective, the AD project would diminish the popularity of the immediate area, with a likely diminution of income to local providers.

Of equal if not more importance, the San Pedro River is a treasure. The river, the attendant wildlife, and the botanical web of lovely greenery deserves to be treated with respect and protection. We are running out of living rivers, and if we elders let more environmental carnage take place, we fail in our sacred duty to our descendants, both present and future;

The Aluminum Dynamics plant, if allowed, will negatively affect our groundwater, our air quality, our children's health, our economy, and very possibly the future viability of the community.

Please do what you can and must do, and stop this travesty before it goes any further.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey And Donna Cooney