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Dear ADEQ,

This permit threatens Benson's resident's health and livelihood. Benson residents already face significant air quality challenges from wildfire smoke, agricultural dust, and vehicle emissions. Adding new sources of fine particulates, heavy metals, and volatile compounds will not occur in isolation. Children, elderly residents, and farmworkers will bear the compounded burden. ADEQ must evaluate the cumulative exposure risks before approving this permit.

Tourism and retirement migration, two of our community's strongest economic drivers, will be harmed if Benson is perceived as an industrial pollution zone. ADEQ should factor these community-level economic consequences into its decision.

Sincerely,