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Dear AZDEQ, I'm writing to express my very strong opposition to the proposed Title V air quality permit for Aluminum Dynamics, Inc. The proposed business would be located near homes, schools, farms, & the San Pedro River—putting not only the air at risk but the water as well. As you know water in Arizona is very very important and we don't have much of it. According to the draft permit, the facility would be allowed to emit:

- Hydrogen Chloride (HCl), a hazardous air pollutant
- Particulate Matter (PM2.5 & PM10)
- Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) and Carbon Monoxide (CO)
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)

Rural communities like my friend's and family deserve clean air and water—and this project would be counterproductive.

Additionally, the plant would use significant water resources in an already water-scarce region, and the potential for heavy metals or chemical discharge into local groundwater or the San Pedro River has not been addressed. These omissions raise serious environmental red flags.

I am concerned that the applicant, Steel Dynamics has a track record of over \$6.2 million in environmental fines and almost \$460,000 in safety violations. This pattern of behavior gives me no reason to believe they would comply with regulations here. I urge ADEQ to deny this permit on the basis of health risks, environmental injustice, water scarcity, and the applicant's history of noncompliance.

A Title V permit is considered enforceable as a practical matter only when it contains clear, specific, and measurable limitations, along with adequate monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements. These elements allow for verifiable compliance with applicable federal requirements. The projected emissions from this facility constitute an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health and safety as well as the natural environment, constituting a hazard to local agriculture and ranching, endangered species, and passersby.

Thank you for your time.