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I respectfully oppose the issuance of this permit for the proposed Aluminum Dynamics plant in Benson.

According to the permit application to ADEQ, the facility will emit more than 40 tons of particulate matter annually. These emissions pose serious risks to respiratory health, especially for children, seniors, and individuals with pre-existing conditions.

In addition, the application acknowledges that hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) will be released from four 100-foot emission towers. HAPs are known to cause cancer, respiratory illness, and other long-term health effects. Introducing these toxins into Benson's air threatens the well-being of residents, our rural environment, and the long-term livability of our community.

Benson is a small town with limited medical resources. Increasing the burden of air pollution here is irresponsible and puts our residents at a disadvantage compared to larger cities with more healthcare infrastructure.

I urge ADEQ to deny this permit and prioritize the health and safety of Benson residents over the profits of an out-of-state corporation. Our community deserves clean air, a safe environment, and sustainable economic development that does not compromise public health.