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I am strongly opposed to the proposed aluminum recycling plant. I live directly across the San Pedro river from the proposed plant, perhaps 100-200 yards to the east. Common prevailing winds will blow the toxic particulates directly toward me. While my address is technically "Benson", I live outside the city limits and thus have no voice in zoning or city council decisions even though I am likely closer to the proposed plant than the Benson City Hall is. My wife and I have been living here since 1980 and have spent a lifetime building our home, mostly with our own labor. We selected this 4.5 acre property because of its clean air and its proximity to the San Pedro river. While technically we do not live in the protected San Pedro Riparian Area, we have turned our property into a sanctuary for birds (and other natural wildlife). While I definitely support recycling, I do not believe that a fragile, precious natural environment is the right place for heavy industry. While I realize that comments here are restricted to air quality, I am also greatly concerned about the projected use of water. Our water comes from our own well which may dry up if the proposed plant is approved. A desert is not the right place for water intensive heavy industry either. I have no intention of moving from a home I have spent forty-five years building which is probably good since with the devastating effect on the value of my property I probably couldn't afford to. I will have no choice but to die from the poison the proposed plant will be blowing at me every day.