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I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed industrial plant in our community. While the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (AZDEQ) has provided information indicating that the plant's operations will remain below federal standards, I believe this does not guarantee the safety or well-being of local residents.

Many of us chose to live in this area to enjoy its clean air, tranquility, and minimal traffic. The introduction of an industrial facility threatens to disrupt this environment, increasing noise, traffic, and pollution. It is important to note that federal standards often represent the minimum acceptable thresholds, not necessarily what is best for the health and safety of our community.

Furthermore, the use of lime as a pollution control measure raises additional concerns. Lime, when used in such applications, can be hazardous. Any malfunction in the injection system could result in leaks, leading to chemical burns, eye injuries, respiratory issues, and environmental damage.

Water quality and availability are also at risk. Many residents rely on wells, and the plant's water usage and potential for contamination could have serious consequences for our water supply. The proximity of the proposed site to the San Pedro River further increases the risk of environmental harm, as even a minor incident could have devastating effects on the river valley.

Additionally, there are concerns regarding the company's track record, which suggests a history of operational issues. In a community with limited resources, any mishap could have far-reaching and lasting impacts.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the approval of this site. The potential risks to our air and water quality, as well as the overall well-being of our community, are too significant to ignore.