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Air Quality Division, Air Permits<sup>[1-1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>  
Attn: Jeff Christensen

RE: Public Comment on Aluminum Dynamics, Inc. Air Quality Permit

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to provide formal public comment on the proposed Air Quality Permit for Aluminum Dynamics, Inc. in Benson, Arizona, which is currently under review by ADEQ.

I am a resident of Benson, having lived just a 5 minute drive from the proposed Aluminum Dynamics, Inc. plant site for the past 7 years. I moved here from Phoenix to escape the polluted, busy city and enjoy the pristine natural resources the town has to offer. My degree is in Natural Resources, with an emphasis in Wildlife Conservation and Management. This area is home to a diverse number of plant and animal species, as well as the San Pedro River, which is a crucial part of the local ecosystem. The plant location backs right up to the San Pedro River. I have many concerns with this proposed Plant, however here I will focus solely on the Air Quality concerns as that is pertinent to this permit application.

Per the permit application, the facility will emit PM2.5, PM 10, Nitrogen Oxides, Carbon Monoxide, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), and Hydrogen Chloride into the air. Yes, the land that it is proposed to be built on is zoned for Heavy Industry, but it is surrounded by many homes and all three Benson Schools are less than a mile away. The majority of the city population lives within 3 miles of the proposed plant location, yet the air pollution can travel upwards of twenty miles. Prolonged exposure to chemicals such as these, including aluminum, in the air has been linked to medical problems such as Alzheimers, cancer, reproductive issues, and more.

Taking all things here into account, I, a citizen of Benson, Arizona, ask that you DENY the permit and stop the forward movement on this project by Aluminum Dynamics, Inc.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Bokanoski