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As a farmer and land owner in the San Pedro Valley, I am opposed to the Aluminum Dynamics Project. As someone who lives near the Winkelman area, I have seen firsthand the negative effects on air quality from smelting operations. Air quality alerts are a regular occurrence. The San Pedro River is a crucial route for migratory birds for the entire North American continent. We have already seen the death of native trees and vegetation on this end of the river. Losing more of the valuable aquifer in Benson would have a devastating effect on the river as a whole.

The air quality in Arizona has already worsened from drought and high winds creating dust. We do not need to add toxic aluminum dust to the equation. The water table of 70 ft is much too shallow to allow disposal of chemicals in the ground by the river. History has shown how easily leaching occurs in the sandy loam soils. ADEQ please help protect our water, soil and air for future generations.