

I am writing to share my thoughts on Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold project. There are many reasons why I am excited for Perpetua's project to come to life. It would provide America with our only mined supply of antimony, a mineral critical to our national defense and energy sectors. I hope through my comments you will understand why I want to see this project move forward.

Today, arsenic and antimony levels at the site are far beyond what is considered healthy for humans or aquatic life. Metals have been leaching into the ground and surface water around the site for years from mine waste that was left behind from legacy mining operations. The Stibnite Gold Project, as outlined in the preferred alternative, will improve water quality conditions at the site because Perpetua Resources plans to remove old mining materials. Of course, the project will contribute new mine waste. However, the SDEIS concludes Perpetua's design features and today's technology will reduce new impacts to water quality. There are environmental benefits to the Stibnite Gold Project and I believe the right checks and balances are in place to move the project forward.

Please move the Stibnite Gold Project forward, especially now that the public has had multiple opportunities to provide feedback and regulators have been analyzing Perpetua Resources' plans for six years. The review process has improved the project and now it is time to make it a reality.

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