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Comments: I am opposed to proceeding with Hermosa-Taylor Drilling Project #50097. I believe it, or other future mining in this area will have an adverse effect on a narrow fragile area. The last wildlife corridor through Sonora into the Patagonia and Santa Rita Mountains will be compromised. The water quality and quantity in the watershed downslope from the project could be jeopardized. We in this area are already trying to contain and seal leaking mines presently. The amount of water used in exploratory drilling exceeds the annual consumption of Patagonia many times over. Full scale mining will use way more.

The few short lived jobs and the profits of an offshore entity are not worth it.