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Comments: Thank you for this opportunity for the residents to voice their comments and opinions regarding the San Antonio Drill Operation and potential impact on our lifestyle and environment we cherish. We have an example at this time for a good visual of the potential magnitude we may face and should take full advantage of it now. That being the South 32. Simply take a drive, hike, bike ride or site seeing trip through the area. Covid virus put a hold on the present full time operations but for the short period it did fully operate one could experience noise, bright lighting at night, dust plumes, and access/road delays. Impact to wildlife also noted especially to the Goulds Turkey and various species of quail. The San Antonio operation will be amongst a more populated area of residents and have a more direct impact. Most of us chose this area for our retirement and have spent a considerable amount of our lifes savings to live within. With addition of this operation and considering its proximity to more residents, a larger impact would be experienced with added traffic, creating far more dust. The location is near the convergence of the 61 and 49. Major routes to Nogales and Patagonia for residents, Border Patrol and our ranchers. Now add large transports and other heavy equipment on a daily basis. Delays more extensive with unloading/loading, moving and relocating equipment and materials. Bigger concern will be the impact to the water table. Naturally the residents rely on abandoned mines and like us, wells drilled into the aquifer. We already have one large operation using the systems, now another one is proposed to add to that burden. What impact will it have on our future availability? Residents and city of Patagonia? Our ranchers rely on it for their cattle and in turn their vast runs of piping from available wells on their grazing sites distribute to other area. This not only benefits their livestock, but is also is a reliance by wildlife for this precious resource. Is there contamination threats?? To date, I have yet as a resident, to be provided with any study results primary or otherwise from South 32. Again, a full study is a no brainer. Should be done on both. Finally the situation of our utilities. We are accustom to occasional power outages. Mostly short term but sometimes longer. Now with South 32 on the grid, seems more often. Add another potential major user. Our utility provider should have upgraded a time ago just because of good relations with its longtime customers. Took a large scale operation for them to step up. Money does talk....now seems they have a decision to make on where to pass on the costs. My guess their longtime customers. With San Antonio Operation possibly coming into play, we will be faced with this again. Before we go any further with another major operation like the one already operating, it would be wise to review the impact it already has and will have. This should include a preliminary on San Antonio. We do not need another eye sore. It is not what we worked our lives and spent our hard earned life savings to experience. Consider the outcome, as I stated previously, it's a no brainer. And it's the right direction to take. PLEASE consider taking a thorough review before another large scale potential environmental damaging operation sets up shop. Thank you again for this opportunity for us to be heard and voice our comments, opinions, and concerns. I hope the District will take a hard look and approach to this issue and do the "right thing"