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Comments: Mining has earned itself a bad reputation in the early years of the industrial push in the United States. However, since the early 80's there has been substantial step changes in safety and environmental impact in the mines across the country. South32's Hermosa Mine is no different. Hermosa will and has strived for complete transparency and community engagement since its takeover of the property. Since joining the organization, I have seen engagement from a mining company I have never seen before in my 10 years of mining. Hermosa is purposely setting itself up to be the most responsible and efficient mine in the nation. A mine where its equipment is net zero emissions. A mine where a majority of its employees work away from the site. A mine that includes everyone no matter race or sex. A mine that encourages its team to speak up if there is an environmental concern or safety issue without reprimand. As a metallurgist, I would not proceed with work if I knew what I was contributing was hurting the surrounding environment and people. And I strongly believe there will be no issue with permitting the Hermosa. If permitted, I believe South32 will continue the path they made and forever be a good neighbor to the community and the state