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My name is Michael White and I am a 15-year resident of Santa Cruz County. My purpose in writing is to highlight potential impacts of the proposed South32 Hermosa Inc. mining project in the Patagonia, Arizona area and ask that these be included in the NEPA EIS process.

I have concerns regarding the following potential direct and cumulative impacts of the project:

- 1.)The effect on water quality in the greater Patagonia area and how this will affect human populations and wildlife.
- 2.)The effect of the quantity of water the mining operation will consume and how this will impact the overall ecosystem of the surrounding area.
- 3.) The effect on effluent produced by the mining activity and how this will impact fish, wildlife and human populations in the area.
- 4.)The effect that increase traffic from trucks transporting ore will impact the surrounding community.
- 5.)The effect of the toxic residue of Manganese, and how this will affect the health of wildlife and human populations.

Finally, it is important to consider whether any of South32's promises can be trusted, given their spotty track-record around the world with other mining projects they have managed and are managing.