

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/6/2024 11:07:00 PM

First name: Annan

Last name: Wonson

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I am a current resident of Rio Rico Arizona and am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Hermosa Project and the mining in the Patagonia Mountains by South 32.

I am especially concerned about severely negative impacts that this project could have on our groundwater.

I ask that you please study and analyze these impacts before any decision is made to approve. The life of the people as well as the plants and the animals hangs in a very delicate balance and pollution or depletion of our water sources could be catastrophic.

According to the permit application, the mine will use between 1.8 and 3.2 million gallons daily for operational purposes. Nearly 6.5 million gallons will be discharged into Harshaw Creek and Alum Gulch. And given the track record of this mining company, I would sincerely hope that you would take every measure to assess the threats of this project.

Water is particularly scarce in the desert of our bio region and once the water is gone or contaminated it can not be replaced.

Thank you for your serious attention to this matter.