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Comments: I am writing to provide feedback on the positive impacts our project is bringing to Santa Cruz County, Arizona, and the nation. As an employee of South32, I have witnessed firsthand the significant benefits our work brings to the community and the environment.

Our project has created numerous jobs in an area with historically low employment rates and limited economic opportunities. The influx of employment will help revitalize the local economy, increasing tax revenues that support essential services such as schools and infrastructure. This has already led to improved quality of life for many residents in Santa Cruz County.

Working at South32 has been a purpose filled experience for me. It has not only provided me with stable employment but also a sense of purpose and community. This project supports the transition to cleaner energy, contributing to a more sustainable future. Our mine design emphasizes a small footprint, significantly reducing our environmental impact compared to traditional mining operations.

South32's Hermosa project provides substantial socioeconomic and environmental benefits. I urge you to consider these positive impacts when evaluating our project's contributions to Santa Cruz County and the broader national context.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Natasha Sonntag