

ROSEMONT INTENDS MAJOR MINING OF OUR GROUNDWATER

I would like to share with you today some alarming information about Rosemont Copper Company's proposed mine to be located in the Santa Rita Mountains south of Tucson. This information is from the public records of the Arizona Department of Water Resources. The Rosemont Mine will impact residents of the northern San Cruz river valley. Please bear with me.

I am a resident of Sahuarita heights area, which is located south of Tucson and north of Green Valley. My wife was born and raised in Tucson. She met me in northern California where we lived for over 20 years and raised our family. She had always wanted to move back to Arizona. In 2003, while on vacation, her brother took us to Sahuarita to see some property that was for sale. After only one look, I could see how beautiful it was and what a fabulous view of the Santa Rita Mountains it had. I knew that this was the place for our family to build our dream home. In 2004 I moved my family to Arizona to live on our newly acquired property. While living on the property in a trailer, we built our dream home to all of Pima County's 2006 building codes.

Rosemont Copper Company has acquired a parcel of residential property (about 50 acres) near my home and plans to put in several wells, at depths of 1,300 feet, to continuously pump 6,000 acre-feet of groundwater (our drinking water) each year for the next 20 years. They will transport this water 15 miles up to and over the crest of the beautiful Santa Rita Mountains to it's mine for processing copper ore. The pumping of so much water will dry up as many as 200 domestic wells in my neighborhood, at depths of only 200 to 300 feet, which supply the drinking water for up to 400 families. It also has come to my attention that there is already a land subsidence issue in my area of up to 2.4 inches from groundwater depletion, excessive pumping of groundwater, in a 8 month period between 02/23/2007 and 10/26/2007. I believe that if Rosemont Copper Company is allowed to transport 1,955,226,000 gallons (which is the same as 6,000 acre feet) of our ground water away from our area each year, the land subsidence will get even more severe at even a faster rate, and this will drastically affect our communities for years to come. I'm hoping that something can be done immediately to protect the communities of Sahuarita and Green Valley from the same fate as Pinal County, where the subsidence issue is measured in tens of feet instead of inches.

It is grossly unfair that our community is required to follow twenty-first century building codes, while mining companies can use an antiquated, nineteenth century mining law to destroy our homes. But the issues I have described here are far more important than complying with the intent of the 1872 Mining Law, which was to encourage mining exploration and development, perhaps necessary in the 1800's. These issues go to the core of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), the intent of which is to protect our environment, our properties, and our way of life.

National Environmental Policy Act Section 101 paragraph B pertains to Rosemont's activities of transporting groundwater away from Sahuarita would interfere with the natural balance of the environments ability to maintain critical water levels for the overall development and welfare of the our community. Rosemont's transportation of groundwater from Sahuarita, which is already suffering from a groundwater depletion and land subsidence, may cause a risk to health and safety of the residents with undesirable consequences to the community and Rosemont's transportation of our groundwater could dramatically affect future growth in our communities.

When a company applies for a permit which will impact waters of the United States, the agency that is being asked to issue the permit must evaluate the environment effects of the permit decision under NEPA. The Federal agency can require the private company to pay for the preparation of analyses, but the agency remains responsible for the scope and accuracy of the analyses. With this being said, Rosemont should be made to pay for a hydrologic study for the environmental impact of the transporting of groundwater away from Sahuarita heights.

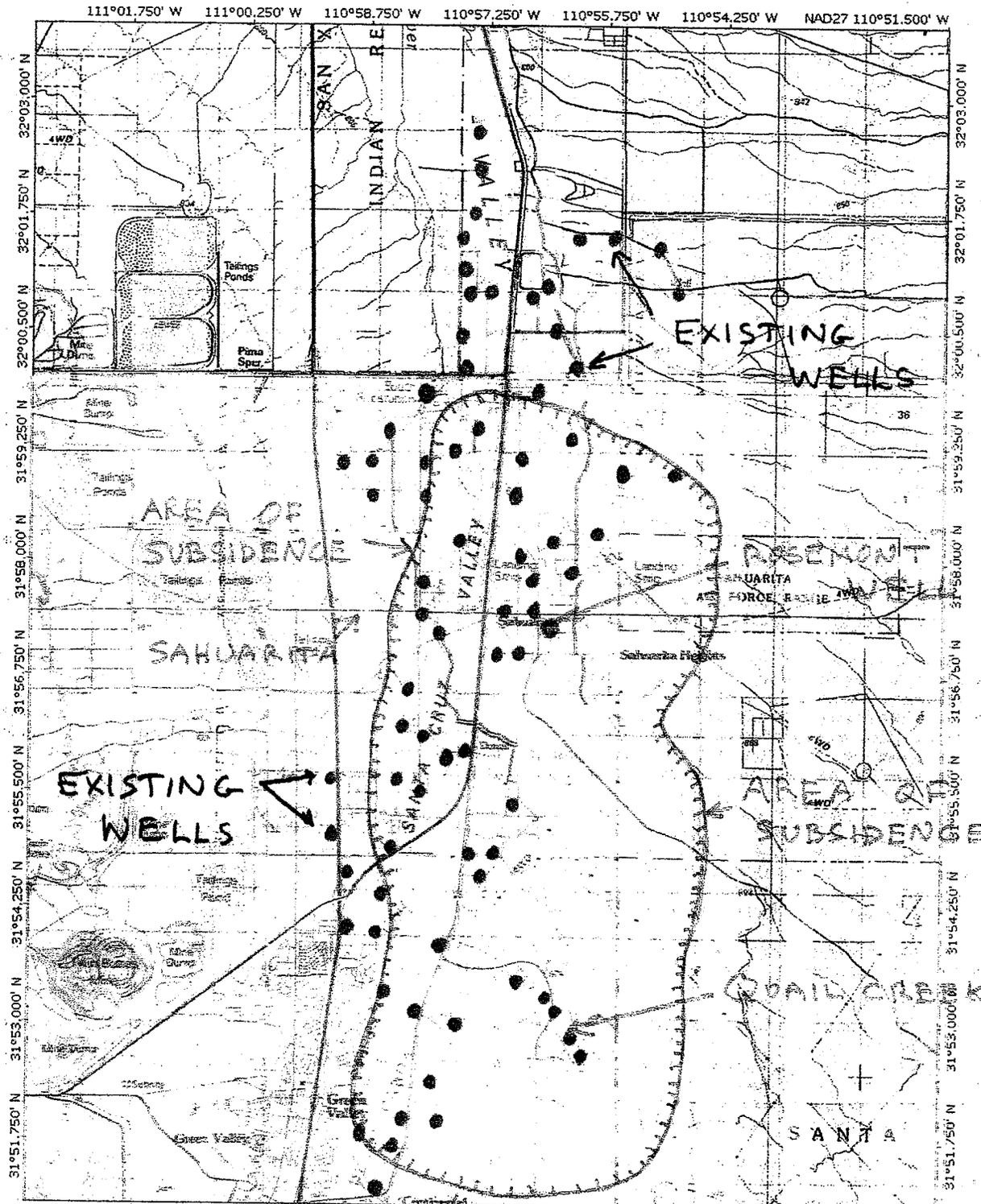
Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckleberry stated earlier this month his concerns about the over use of the groundwater and that the aquifer in Green Valley is falling at the rate of 4 feet a year.

Water is the most precious resource Arizona has and should not be wasted for the profits of others, especially foreign companies. Also, it should not be allowed for the Rosemont Copper Company to trade Central Arizona Project water that they have been recharging into the ground in Marana for drinking water (groundwater) in Sahuarita, 30 miles or more to the south of Marana, especially since Marana groundwater is flowing away from Sahuarita. This defies logic, boggles the mind and is a great misuse of taxpayers' money.

The water of Arizona is the life blood of the communities in this great state and should never be wasted in such a foolish manner. I hope that our politicians will be better stewards of the taxpayers' money and stop the wasteful use of Arizona's ground water. In so doing, they will be protecting the lives of our communities. The water belongs to the citizens of Arizona. It's time to use common sense for the common man for the common good of Arizona.

Robert Robuck
Arizona Homeowner
March 17, 2008

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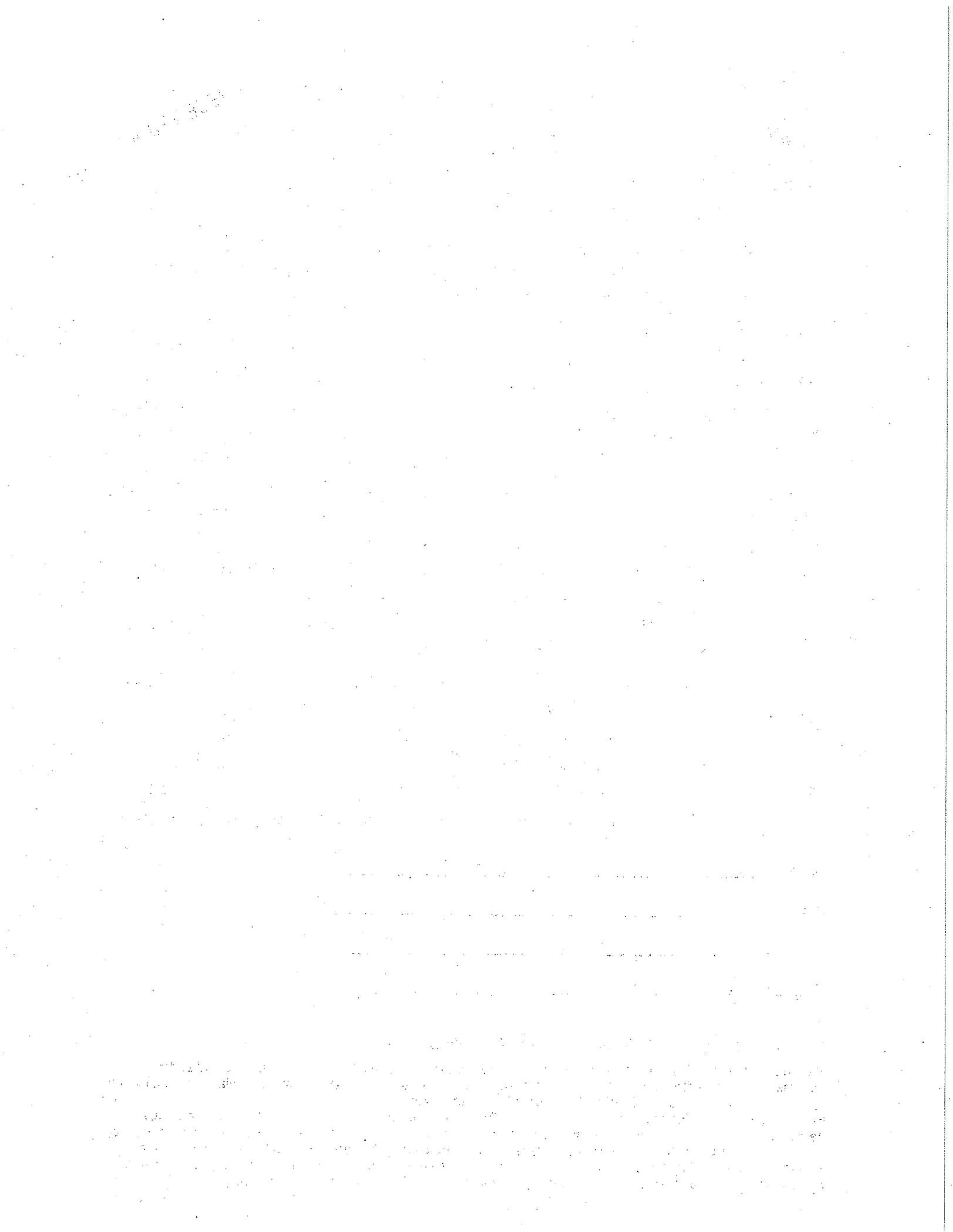
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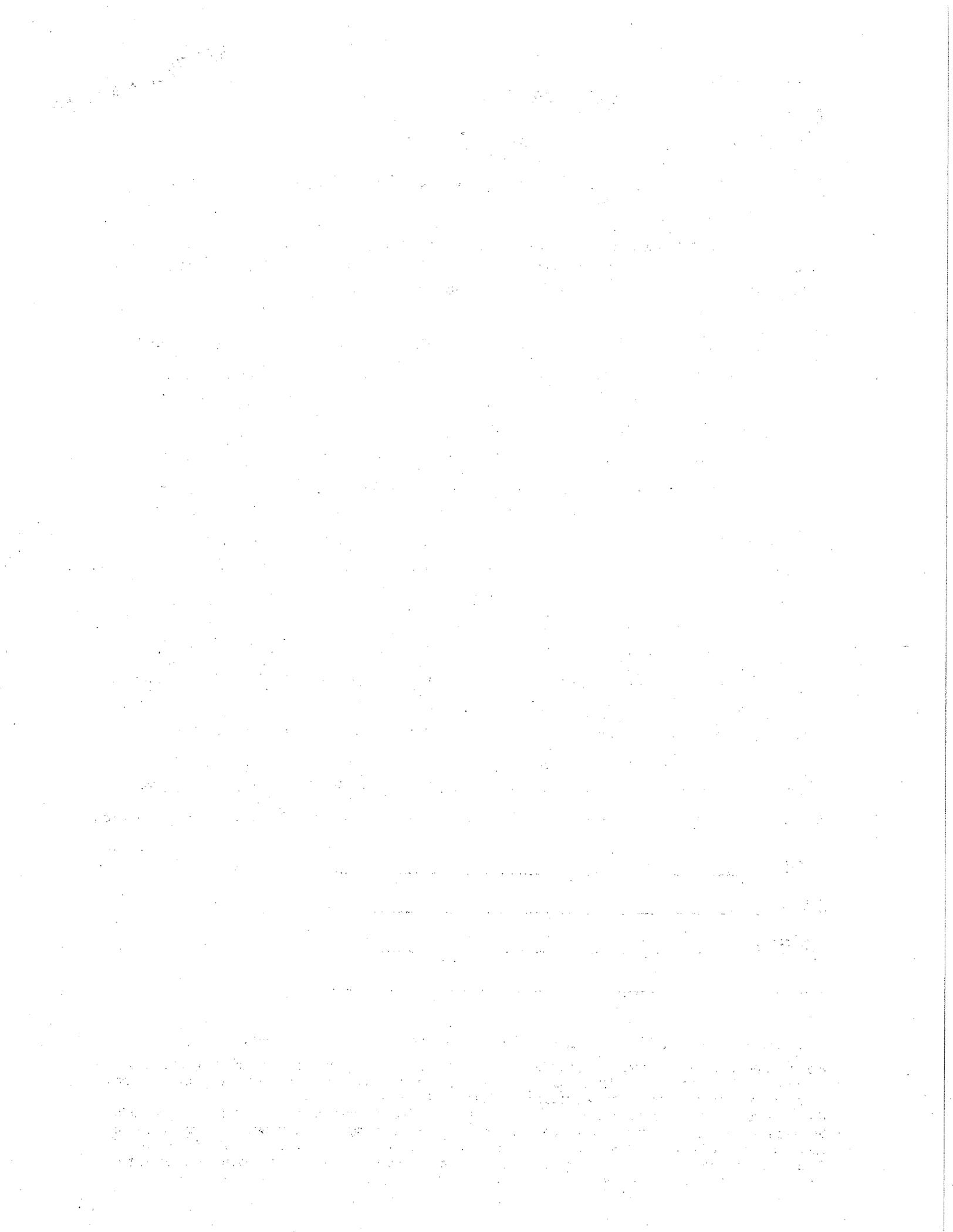
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Also such heavy loads on a continuous bases will prematurely wear out the roadway, who will provide the additional funds to maintain the road - the state/taxpayers or the mine?

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2) LAND - THE MINE WILL BE IN A PRISTINE AREA OF THE SANTA RITA MOUNTAINS. THAT AREA WILL BE DESTROYED
3) POLLUTION - THE WATERSHED ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE SANTA RITAS WILL BE POLLUTED.
4) COPPER - WHY CAN'T WE LEAVE THIS COPPER DEPOSIT IN SITU? WE DON'T REALLY NEED IT. THERE IS ADEQUATE GLOBAL SUPPLY. LEAVE IT FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS TO DEVELOP IF NEEDED. IN THE MEANTIME WE LEAVE A PRISTINE AREA ALONE AND HELP OUR AQUIFER.
5) TOURISM - WE HAVE HEARD THAT THE LOSS IN TOURISM DOLLARS WILL EXCEED THE VALUE OF THE COPPER MINED.

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COMMENT:

How will our water supply be protected? We already have contaminated water from the other mines. Several of our wells have already been shut down. It is unclear how our current water will be protected. If the plume moves further because of Rosemont water useage, Green Valley & Sahuarita will be hit hard from a useable water supply and from all the resulting economics.

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impact of digging - the resulting dust from the tailing the destruction of the environment, etc.

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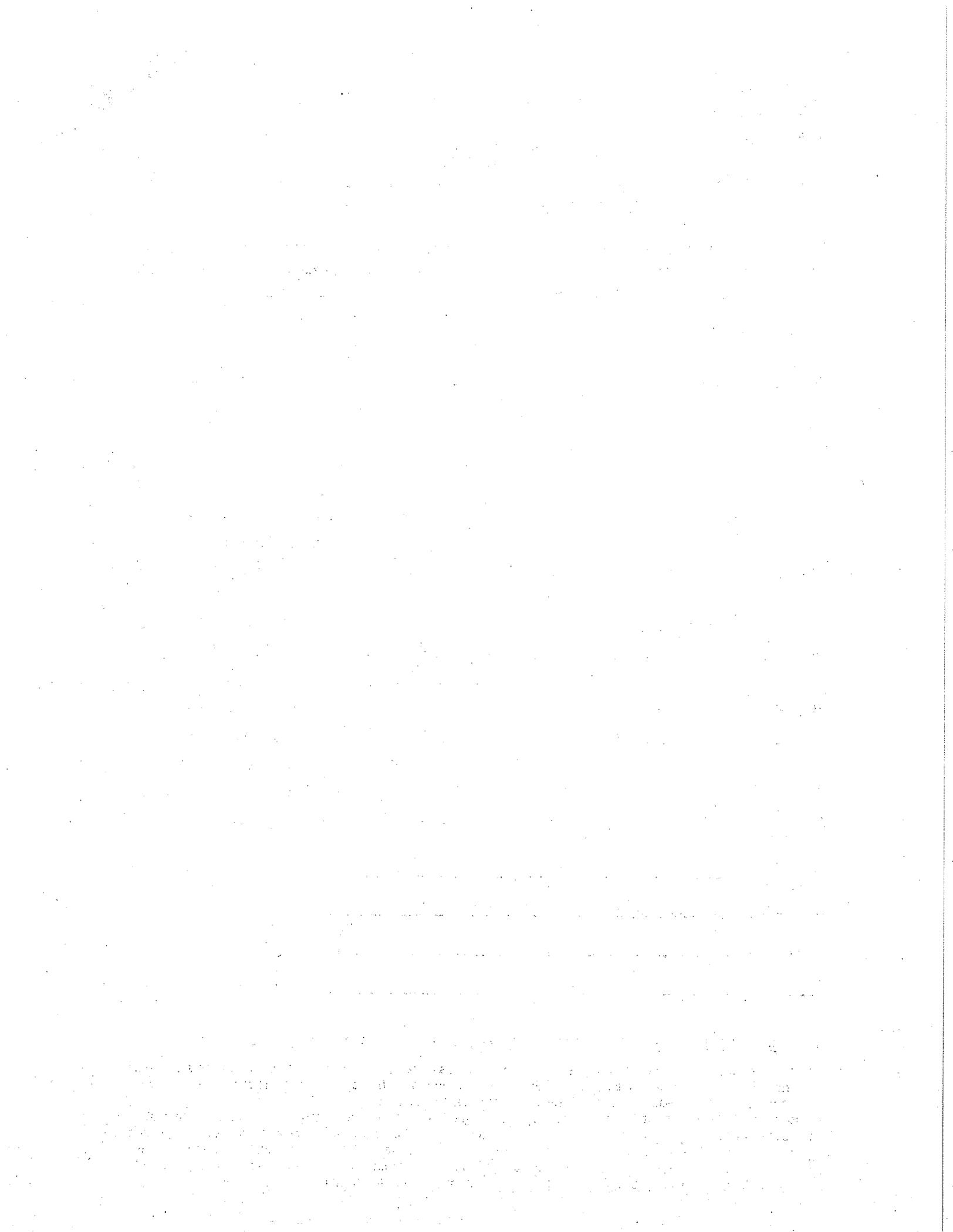
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To: Rosemont Team Leader

Subject: Proposed Rosemont Copper Project EIS

I was curious about the private consultant, SWCA, that the Forest Service "selected" to assist them in preparing the proposed Rosemont Copper Project EIS, so I did some research and found the following at the SWCA website <http://swca.com/projectsample/31>. It concerns the work SWCA did for Phelps Dodge:

Dos Pobres / San Juan Environmental Impact Statement for Phelps Dodge Safford, Inc
Safford, Graham County, Arizona

Overview:

SWCA, under contract to Phelps Dodge Safford, Inc., prepared an environmental impact statement (EIS) and a Mining Plan of Operations (MPO) for a proposed land exchange between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Phelps Dodge. The exchange, which had been in progress for more than 10 years, involved the transfer of nearly 4,000 acres of environmentally sensitive land from Phelps Dodge to the BLM. In return, the BLM transferred more than 16,000 acres of land to the mining company for the development of two open pit copper mines.

Services Provided:

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- Completed baseline data collection
- Prepared EIS and coordinated NEPA process
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- Completed the Record of Decision

Results:

The final EIS resulted in the identification and preservation of dozens of properties that contain rare and important natural and cultural resources. In appreciation of our service, Phelps Dodge granted SWCA an award. During the award ceremony, Phelps Dodge's John Korolsky said, "We understood the complex nature of this exchange and the accompanying EIS. We decided from the outset that we were going to hire the very best to help us facilitate this process with the Bureau of Land Management. That's why we hired SWCA, and they delivered."

There's a clear conflict of interest here.

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From this one expects that the Federal agency does the NEPA analysis, contracts with a private consultant, and sends the bill to the applicant. Sounds fair. What actually happens is that the Federal agency "selects" the private consultant, and the private consultant contracts out to the applicant to do the NEPA analysis.

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The bias of SWCA in favor of their client, Phelps Dodge, is revealed in their referring to the land that Phelps Dodge traded as being "environmentally sensitive", but they do not call any of the BLM land, which is four times the size, environmentally sensitive.

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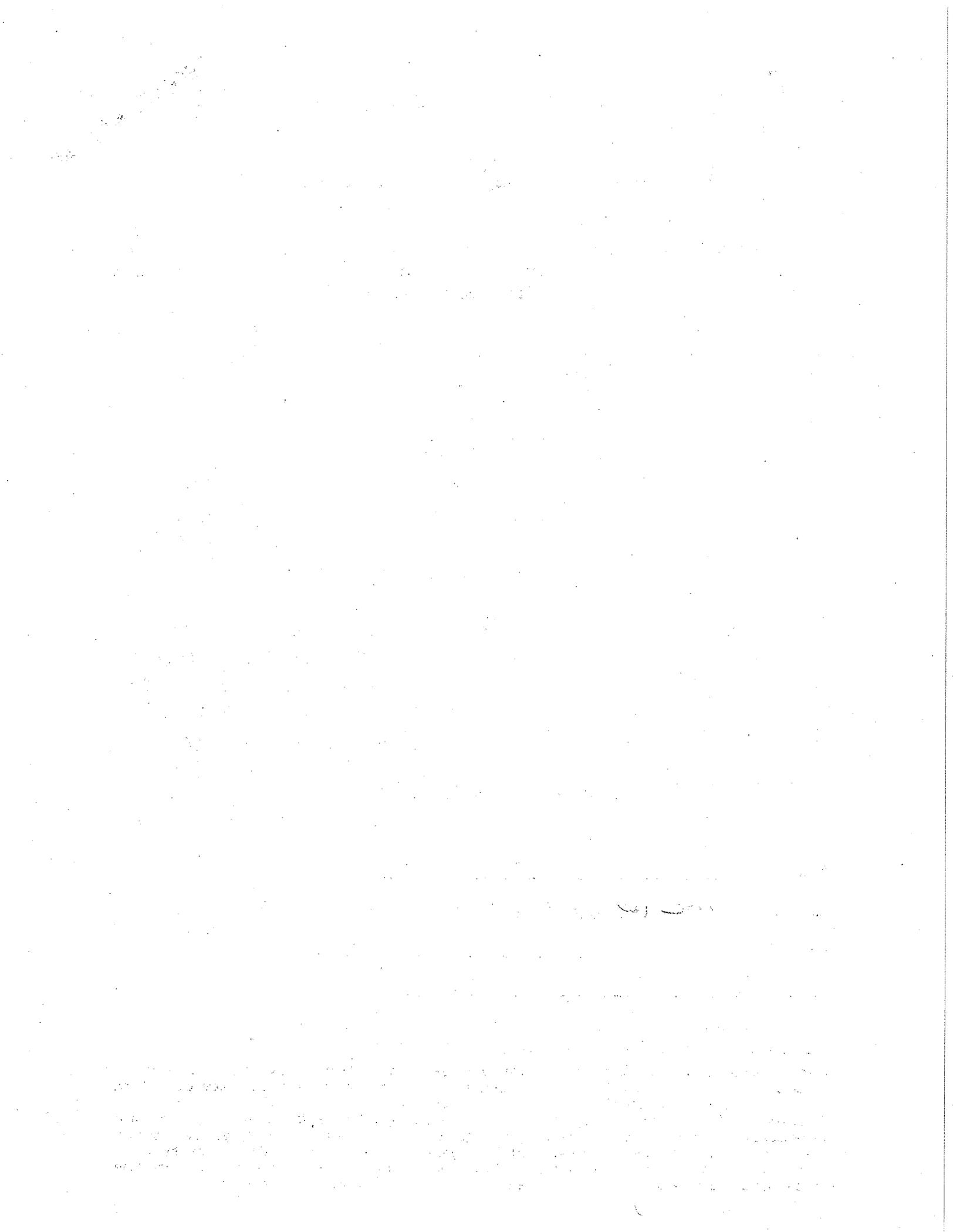
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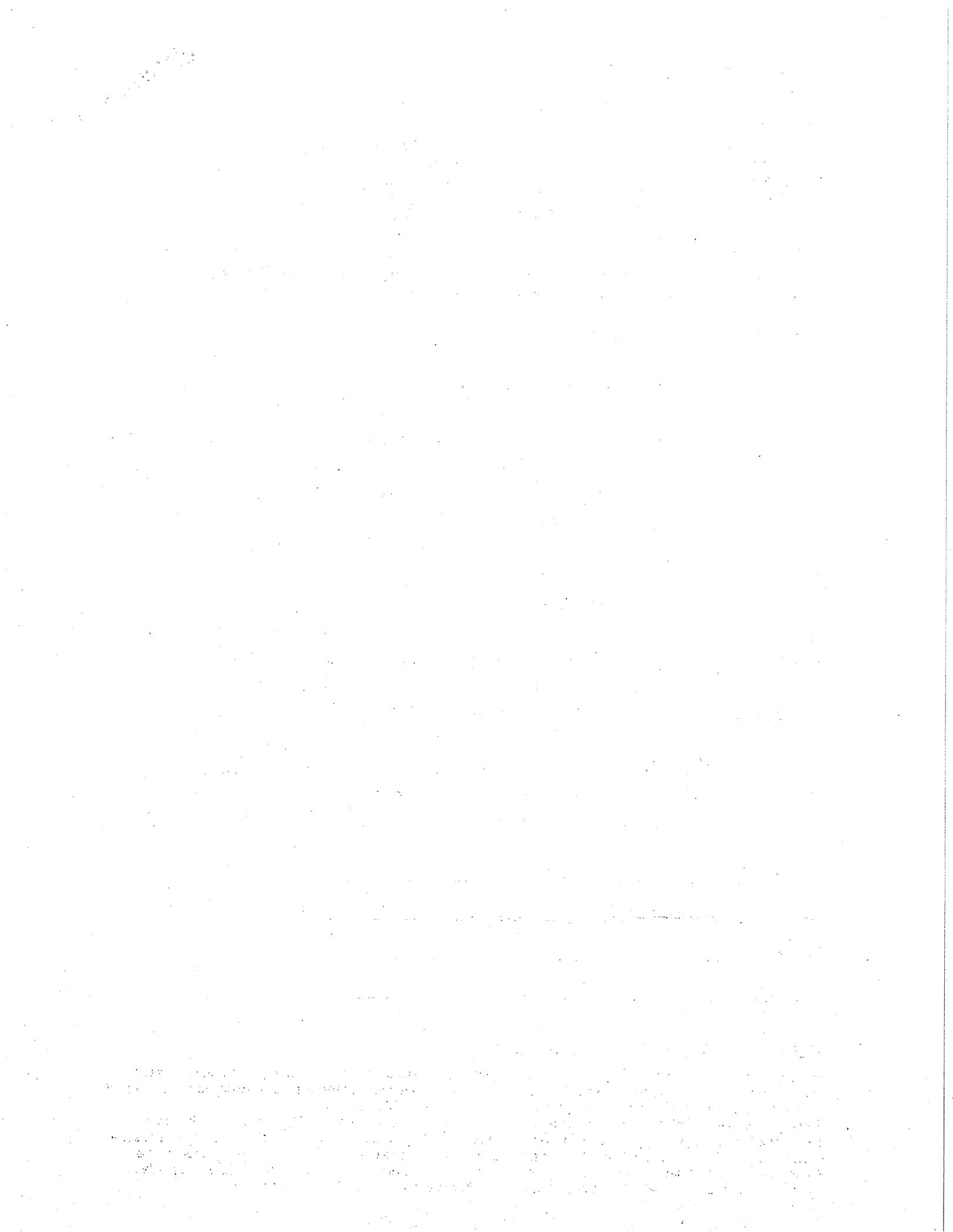
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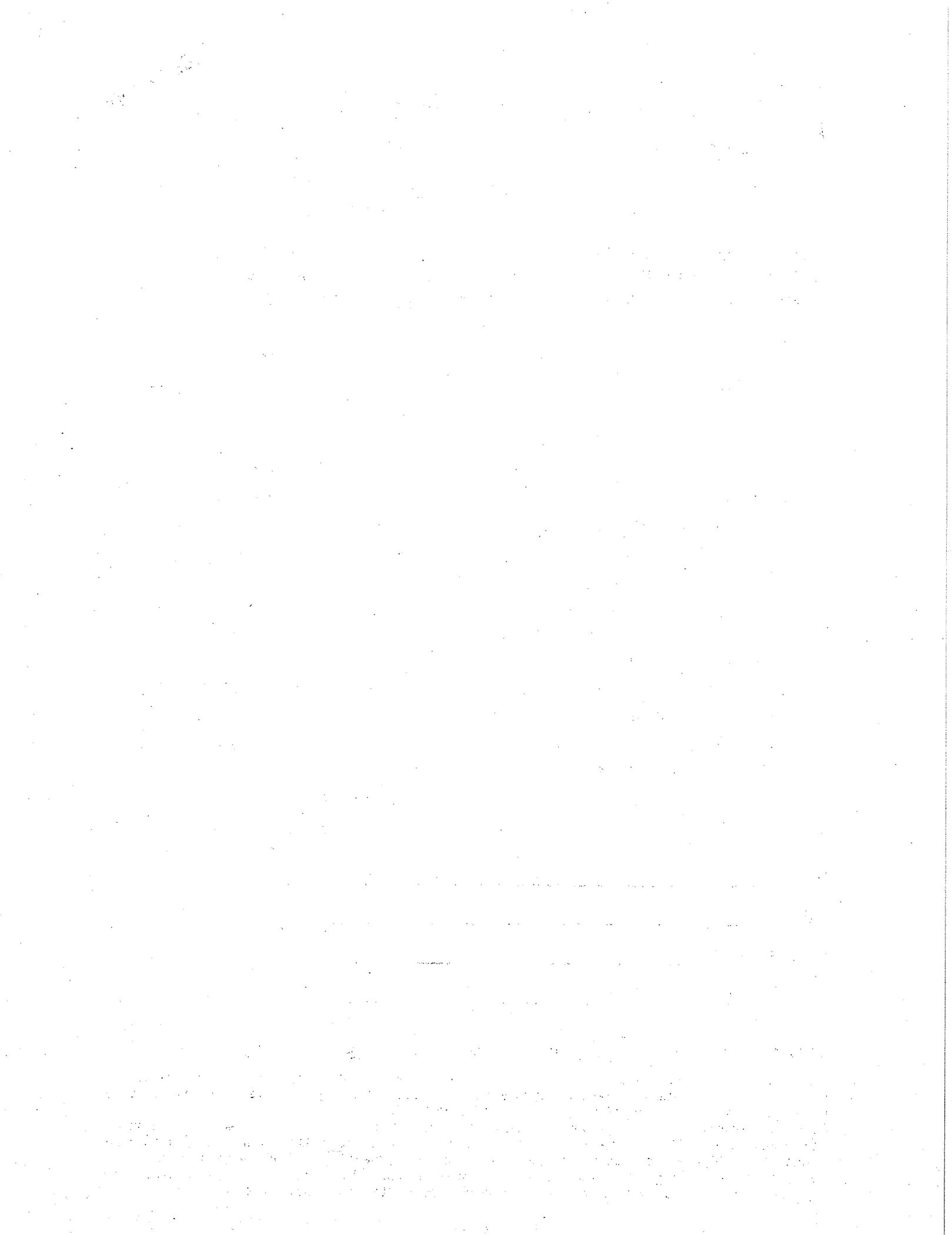
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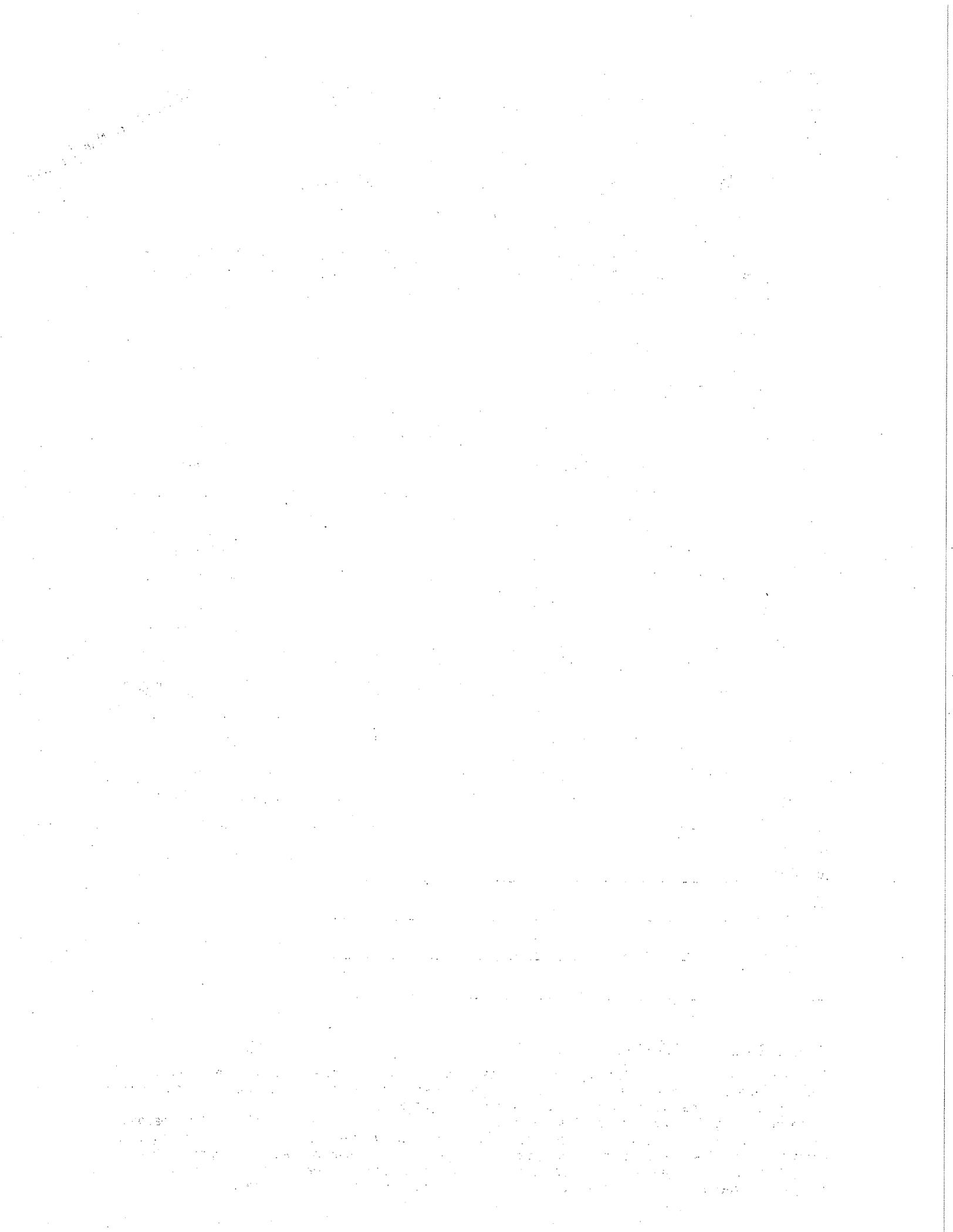
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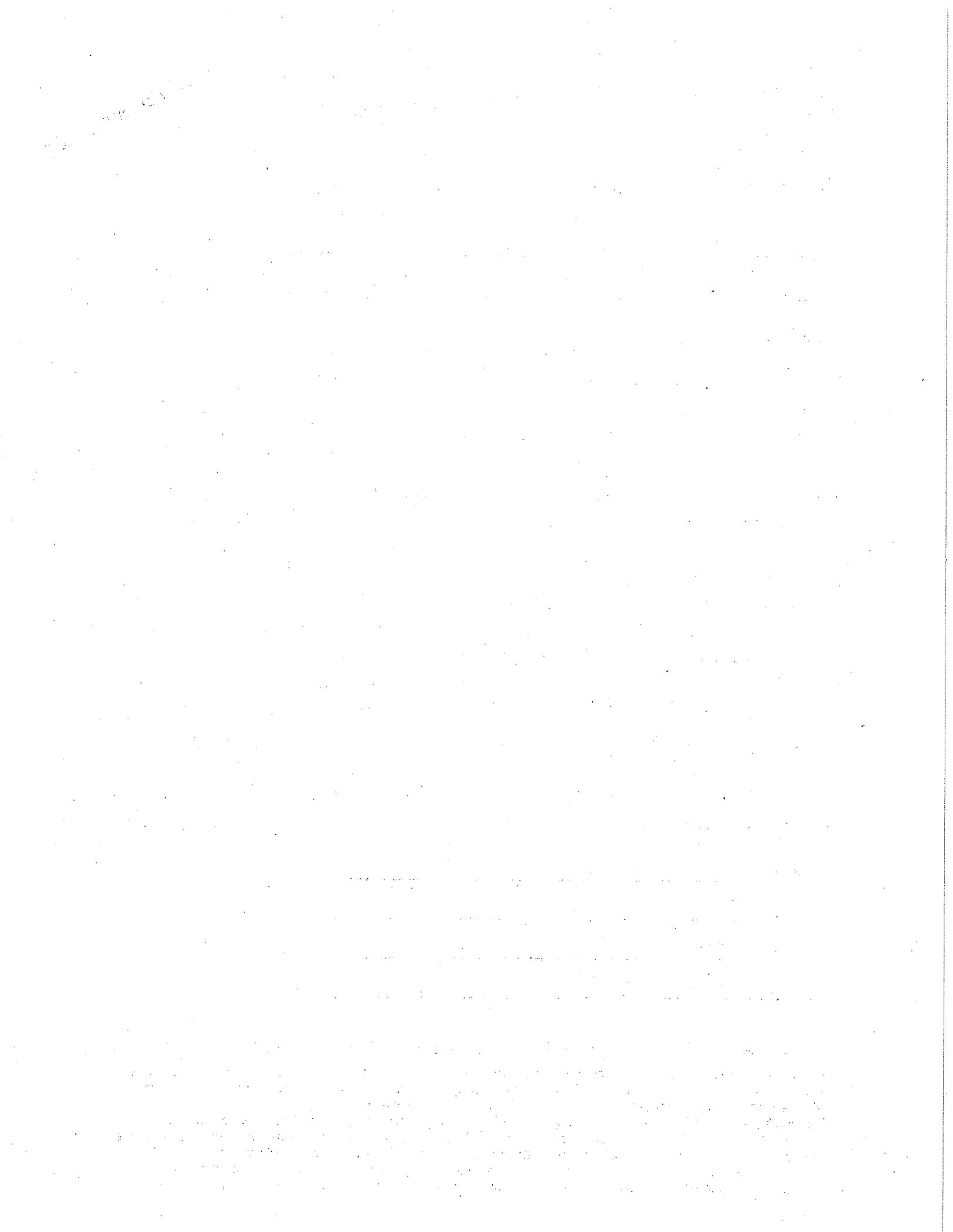
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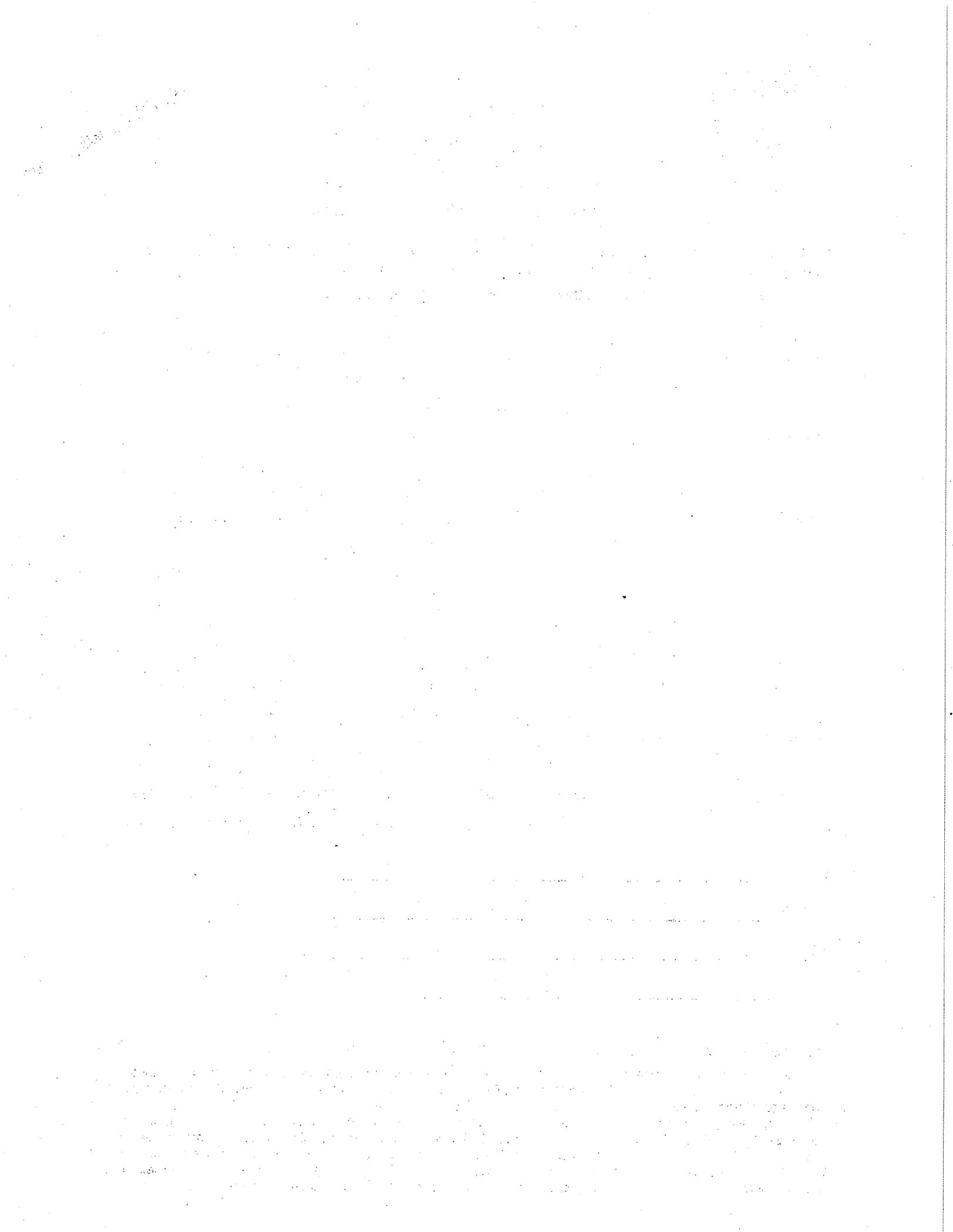
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NAME: CARL MIDJANS

EMAIL: CARA89@COX.NET

ADDRESS: 5101 S. PASEO GEMELOS Green Valley AZ 85614 207-0055

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Leaving the mine site
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or Raw ore? If not, how will the ore
leave the site? Which Route

How can you run a company (Copper mine)
you have never run before?

NAME: Concerned Citizen

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: Green Valley

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NAME: Frances C. Carter - long time resident here. the actual excavation & they would promise nothing.

EMAIL: none

ADDRESS: 1801 S. Abrego Dr. Green Valley, Az. 85614

This is public land & should be protected for us & our visitors & wildlife.

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COMMENT:

- RT 83 will need bike lanes for safety with mine traffic. Make the mine fund them.
Keep mine traffic off Box Canyon Rd.
Don't let the mine destroy the peaks and ridge lines visible from Green Valley and create an eye sore.

NAME: BILL ADAMSON

EMAIL: BILLADAMSON@COX.NET

ADDRESS: 903 W CALLE EXCELSO GREEN VALLEY AZ 85614

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COMMENT:

who are your employees going to be? we have a large problem of low water and if you open the mine you will drain our aqueduct go drill in Canada and leave our area alone - enough has been done already where is your electricity coming from? NO! NO! NO! Hell NO!!

NAME: Richard Lee Jacobsen

EMAIL: rjacobsen2444@aol.com

ADDRESS: 2444 W. Oak Creek Hills Rd Green Valley, Az. 85614

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COMMENT:

Put this to a referendum! Lets see who wants this & who doesn't!

Do you really WANT the East Santa Rita to look like Shen Valley ???

NAME: STANKO

EMAIL: STANKO@TRON.NET

ADDRESS: 513 W Chardin
G V 85614

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COMMENT: WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH GROUNDWATER TO SUPPORT THIS ACTIVITY. (~~AGUSTA~~), FREEPORT MINE (FORMERLY P.D.) HAS USED 505,734 AF SINCE 1987! IT USES 24 MILLION GALS/DAY. ARIZONA WILL HAVE TO DECIDE SOON IF ~~IT~~ IS TO BE A MINING STATE OR INVITE PEOPLE TO LIVE HERE. IT CANNOT BE BOTH.

WE ARE SICK OF THE DESTRUCTION OF SONORA DESERT.

ALSO, WHERE DOES AGUSTA PLAN TO GET EL. POWER? WATER

NAME: B.C. BONTHRON
EMAIL: pjbonthron@aol.com
ADDRESS: 421 N. MOUNTAIN BROOK DR. GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85614

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The Rosemont people claim that they can "restore" the area covered by tailings. In the 37 years I spent with the U.S. Forest Service all over the Western U.S., I never saw an area "restored" to anything approaching the beauty, productivity, or ecological integrity of the ~~are~~ original ecosystem. The EIS should require the mining company to precisely define what they mean by their claim and ^{successfully} provide proof by example of any existing "restored" areas.

NAME: Robert F. Buttery

EMAIL: —

ADDRESS: 218 E. Placita Pera
Green Valley, AZ 85614-2127

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COMMENT: With our present condition on water in the Green valley area, it seems that this is not a good progressive plan to conserve an already a lack of water.

The lack of information concerning why a mining company from Canada would be interested in this area, begs for an in-depth explanation - Is there no copper minerals in Canada?

Who will be employed, more eagles?

What will Green Valley Home Owners received if per-change the mine is approved?

Will the damage to the land be restored to its natural state? Also, how will the mine be monitored & by who. Is this a 10-20 year plan?

NAME: Jim Robinson

EMAIL: RobinsonJimDce@aol.com

ADDRESS: 2321 W. Calle Belauistre Green Valley 85614

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NO NO HELLO!!

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ISSUE ONE: - WATER. ALL ELSE IS SECONDARY. THE TUCSON WATER TABLE IS DROPPING 2 FEET/YEAR. THE CAP IS LESSENING, AND POOR QUALITY.

2 ISSUE TWO: - WATER, WATER IS LIFE.

3 ISSUE THREE: - WATER.

QUESTION: How can Augusta nationalize coming into such a delicate place?

QUESTION: Where is your mining experience?

NAME: JUDITH WHIPPLE

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 361 S. PASEO CHICO

GREEN VALLEY AZ 85614

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Light pollution. Already the mine west of I-19 is in violation of the light pollution laws. What assurances do we have that this mine will be a better neighbor to the observatory?

NAME: S. TANKO
EMAIL: TANKO@TICOM.NET
ADDRESS: 573 W Chardin
6V 85614

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I am opposed to the proposed mining operation (Rosemont Copper Project) because:

Air pollution - dust from tailing ponds
Inadequate source(s) of water

Lack of commitment to the long term adverse impact on the land.

Additionally, I believe the 1872 Mining Act has outlived its time

Thank You,

NAME: James M Nugent

EMAIL: jnugent@cox.net

ADDRESS: 981 S. Florida Springs Ct.
Green Valley, AZ 85614

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Issue #1 - Water. The aquifer is already depleted and dropping 2-4 feet a year. Due to the test pumping in Sahuarita people are already experiencing wells going dry and sand in what water they can access. Their property will be worthless. And this is only a test. Wait until they suck out 100,000 acre feet from the groundwater. Even CAP water will not be enough. Without water there will be no commerce, no life, no flora or fauna.

Issue #2 - The Electric line - Without electricity the mine can not function. Permits must be obtained from the corporate commission. This whole area is against this mine. We will fight it at Corporate Commission.

Issue 3 - We live here. You don't. What right to you have to intrude your destructive mine on us

NAME: June Wortman

EMAIL: junesRag@cox.net

ADDRESS: 81 E. Santa Chalice DR. Green Valley 85614

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COMMENT: WHY IS THIS EVEN A CONSIDERATION, THIS IS DISCOSTING. THIS IS OUR LAND NO!

Your maps purposely do not show all the developments of the vicinity of this mine including Corona de Tucson Green Valley, Silverita.

THE SURFACE WATER quantity & quality in Davidson Canyon & Cienega Creek will be effected how will this water be protected. The wells in nearby developments have already been effected by the drilling of wells by Rosemont. What happens to these people. Will Rosemont compensate them?

Whats the big rush to get USFS to approve this before the public & USFS has all the data of this mine.

NAME: SALLY JOHNSON.

EMAIL:

ADDRESS:

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COMMENT:

Financial: The vast majority of the copper to be extracted is going to China - The majority of profit (\$) is going to Canada The majority of work - (refinement, manufacture of copper products, distribution etc. is going to be done in China - A much needed resource (Cu) by the U.S. is going abroad the jobs left here are mining + temporary.

Ecology -

Water - a sulfur plume already exists under the waste piles on the west of I-19 - As water is extracted on the East side it will draw the plume to the East and contaminate the present supply of water for Green Valley - Sahuarit. The Recharge is a iffy thing at best with the recharge being the first to be denied when CAP water dwindles so Recharge will not

NAME: STAN DIETZMAN

EMAIL: manonthemule@hughes.net

(over)

ADDRESS: 21901 S. Helvetia Rd. - Helvetia

P.O. 932 Sahuarita 85629

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begin until the local water is gone or
polluted - There is a ton more that most
officials know already but hope that the
general public doesn't. Big business, ^{Place First} developers
wanting CAP for 100 yr. water plans to ^{Class Stamp} build
more housing - their Lobby will speak ^{Here} louder -
Property values (like mine) will go down to
an unbelievable ~~low~~ low

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COMMENT: It is inevitable that the mine will contaminate the ground water.

The outlook for ground water shortages is bound to occur with the mine pumping from 5000 to 8000 acre feet of water per year.

A mine should not be allowed to destroy thousands of acres of beautiful mountain area, wild animal habitat, pure water drainage belonging to the public (Coronado Nat. Forest, state trust land, BLM land) unless the public surrounding the area is in agreement. The public surrounding this proposed mine are certainly not in agreement with the destruction of their (public) land.

Why should we even consider allowing a company to use their property as a mine when their property amounts to a mere 995 acres and they need 3400 acres of beautiful public land to make the mine work.

NAME: Carl L. Robinson

EMAIL: LEE M J @ Cor. Net

ADDRESS: 1057 Horizonte Pl Green Valley, AZ 85614

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COMMENT:

What about truck traffic & dust / air pollution from the dust?

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COMMENT: This was requested by Bev Everson

How is the EIS process dealing w/ acid rock drainage associated w/ land disturbance and mining?

With summer monsoon rains, seasonal water inputs will occur. Moisture content will vary, and humidity cell studies should be mandated in waste rock evaluation.

NAME: JOHN SONDEREGGER

EMAIL: jsonder@yahoo.com

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COMMENT:

How will you protect the ecology of streams in area to avoid a migration the water level

Will you put a clay layer underneath the part of to avoid migration of contaminants

Will you put a drainage system around the facility to collect any hazardous waste?

NAME: Thomas Miller

EMAIL: jmill531@cox.com

ADDRESS: 202 Abrego Coronado 85614
Chair, Environmental Committee, @VCCO

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COMMENT:

The mining law should be changed and I will lobby congress to do that. It is outrageous that a canadian company should be able to appropriate public land for their profit. We are already losing too much desert land to development. The water table is dropping and the current mining operations use too much already. I hope the forest service does what it can to prevent this disaster.

The pit will go down 2,000 feet - what will happen to the water table?

The tailing pile will be twice the size of the current one in green valley which dwarfs the surrounding hills now.

NAME: Claudia McKay

EMAIL: NewVic@aol.com

ADDRESS: 161 E La Espina Green Valley AZ 85614

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COMMENT:

We shouldn't give up U.S. mineral rights for the profit of a foreign (Canadian) company!

Water table is already low + will only get lower. This will impact Green Valley residents directly.

How much will trucking traffic increase + where will it go?

Since they are not actually using the mineral rights from public land, why should the Mining Act of 1872 apply to their proposal. And if the Mining Act doesn't apply, the Forest Service shouldn't have to entertain their proposal.

How much of an eyesore will the tailing site be in 25 or 30 years?

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Why does the mine need to use clean/fresh/ virgin water? Why can't they use gray water? Wouldn't everyone win if they piped gray water from the cities, used it, recharged it, + ADDED to the fresh water supply. I'm afraid for our collective health if we are forced to drink recharged mine refuse.

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COMMENT: THE TAILINGS FROM THE MINE ARE GOING TO BE MIXED WITH POLYMERS TO KEEP THEM FROM BLOWING AROUND. POLYMERS ARE PLASTICS THAT ARE MADE FROM OIL AND THEY DO NOT DEGRADE, SO 30-50 YEARS FROM NOW WE WILL HAVE THIS HUGE PILE OF DUST AND PLASTIC? HOW ABOUT MIXING THE TAILINGS WITH SOMETHING ELSE? SOMETHING THAT WILL BIO-DEGRADE AND STILL PERFORM THE DUST RETENTION FUNCTION.

NAME: GREGORY TANKO

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 513 W. CHARDIN DR GREEN VALLEY, AZ. 85614

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NAME: GREGORY TRANKO

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 573 W. CHARDIN DR GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85614

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COMMENT: WHAT KIND OF TAX INCENTIVES ARE THERE FOR ME TO APPROVE THIS MINE? WILL MY WATER COSTS BE REDUCED? WILL MY EVENING STAR GAZING BE IMPAIRED? HOW WILL THIS AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF AIR-BORNE PARTICULANTS? HOW WILL THE ORE BE TRANSPORTED? IF TRUCK TRANSPORT, HOW MUCH POLLUTION WILL BE ADDED TO THE ENVIRONMENT, AND HOW MUCH PERCIOUS OIL WILL BE CONSUMED? WHAT ARE THE PLANS TO USE RENEWABLE RESOURCES AS A MAJOR PART OF THE MINING OPERATION? HOW MUCH ALTERNATE ENERGY, AKA WIND AND SOLAR, WILL BE USED TO PROCESS THE ORE? HOW MUCH ELECTRICAL ENERGY WILL BE USED TO TAX OUR ALREADY OVER-TAXED POWER GRID?

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COMMENT: I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT WATER UNTIL I FOUND OUT THAT GREEN VALLEY IRRIGATES GOLF COURSES WITH TAP WATER, HOT WATER PUMPS, AND DUAL GRAY WATER SYSTEMS ARE NOT PART OF THE GREEN VALLEY, OR PIMA COUNTY CODES. WHY NOT? WATER CONSERVATION MUST NOT REALLY BE AN ISSUE HERE. APPARENTLY IT IS OK TO GIVE THE MINE ALL THE CLEAN WATER IT WANTS AND GET DIRTY WATER IN RETURN

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I am deeply concerned about the negative effect the proposed Rosemont project will have on the resident and migrating wildlife in the affected area. Scenic route 89 will also suffer.

I am a resident of the Triangler Ranches area of Pima County, 2 miles West of the Casasco Mission Mine Complex, where we have a small bed and breakfast. People come from all over the world (every continent) to see the birds of Southeastern Arizona. Even in Russia, they have heard of the "beautiful drive on the Santa Rita Mountains." A world treasure is at stake.

And, where are the future expansions of Rosemont going to be?

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Their prospectus and sales materials to investors show huge areas to be mined that are not noted on the current plan

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COMMENT: I am currently an employee at Asarco Silverbell. I am also a member of the USW 937. With that being said I know how technology and new methods do not impact the environment in ways of old. I see how, on a daily basis, my company goes to extremes to be environmentally correct, and that it is possible to have a low impact by following government guidelines and just plain caring! I also understand that the property is to be a union environment. That should be important to anyone who is in my position or is a parent or grandparent. Thanks to the contract I work under which was negotiated by the UNION I can afford as a married man with 3 children to be the only source of income. My wife can stay at home at our new house in Rancho Sahuarita and raise my children. My contract has given me, a 35 yr old man a good wage and the best benefits in town!

NAME: Troy Warrell

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COMMENT:

I believe water is a critical issue, both quantity and quality. Also critical are the impact on the water table and Subsidence as it falls.

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My main concern is water!

The water level on the G.U. - Schneavite side is going down to a point that house floors are beginning to crack. The proposed mine is located on the other side of the mountain. Why not take water from the Davidson valley?

The second concern is blasting with noise and dust formation which may cause asthma in people.

Also, the tailings would be visible from Rt 83, never a pleasant view.

I sincerely hope that the project will not materialize!!

NAME:

Max APPEL

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- 1) WHY THIS INCREDIBLE RUSH? WE ALL NEED TIME TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT.
2) AS THE PIT WILL BE LOCATED CLOSE IF NOT INTO THE CREST WHAT WILL PREVENT IT FROM BECOMING PART OF THE MINE AND MAKE IT FULLY VISIBLE FROM GREEN VALLEY AND BEYOND
3) VERY CONCERNED WITH THE WATER PROTECTION OF CIENEGA CREEK AND DAVIDSON CANYON. BUT EVEN MORE WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF WHAT IS A BEAUTIFUL AREA IN THE SANTA RITAS
4) THE PLAN CALLS FOR US TO DRINK CAP WATER AND ROSEMONT TO USE THE AQUIFER?!
5) WHAT ABOUT SAFETY ON ROUTE 83 HEAVY TRUCKS EVERY 10 MINUTES ARE A DANGER TO ALL. ALSO THE 83 CAN NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED A SCENIC ROAD.
6) WE TELL THE SCHOOL CHILDREN THE NATIONAL FOREST IS THEIR LAND ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE IT DESTROYED?

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COMMENT: I have many concerns @ this mining proposal -

- How will it affect water quantity in the region

- How will it affect water quality, esp in Cienega Creek, etc.

- How will it affect nearby property values?

- How will it affect the economies of communities such as Sonora & Patagonia?

- How will it affect air quality?

- How will it affect recreational use in the State Rites?

These are a few questions that need to be addressed.

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