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COMMENT:

The following issues are important to me and must be covered in the NEPA review process of the proposed Rosemont Copper Project

1. Prove mineral potential. Proven content is less then the amount claimed. Augusta must justify its claim.

2. Water – the mine will affect many aquifers. Impact will be felt in wide area. Bringing ground water from Santa Cruz aquifer will draw down affecting hundreds of wells. Subsidence, which is already occurring, has the potential to be severe. The drainage and aquifer of Davidson Canyon and Cienega Creek are also threatened. The results of a thorough hydrology study of all the affected aquifers must be considered in the permitting.

3. Recreation: The Rosemont plan assures access to hiking recreation areas. The Green Valley Hiking Club has 14 documented hikes that would be eliminated, as the land would be covered with tailings, or the canyons and ridges obliterated. Exactly what is the plan for recovery of lost recreation opportunity?

4. Safety – The amount of ore to be hauled by truck and the route needs to be documented to assure the capacity and safety of the affected driving public. ADOT must be a planning partner.

5. Augusta has talked of and done exploration on the west slope of the Santa Rita Mountains (west of the proposed site). If a permit is issued they should be precluded from spilling over to the west with mining activities, other than their road and utility access.

6. Dust mitigation. Dust from roads, blasting and exposed tailing piles. Experience with Phelps Dodge and Asarco in the Green Valley area has shown this to be an ongoing problem and will continue even after the closure of the mining activity.

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June 2, 2008

Team Leader
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Dear Rosemont Copper Project Team Leader:

This is to amplify the comments I made at the public hearing on Monday, May 12 at the Elgin Elementary School in which I expressed disapproval of the proposed Rosemont mine. I appreciate the opportunity for public comment that the US Forest Service has made by extending the DEIS comment period. In this letter, I will expand on the reasons why the USFS should deny the Rosemont Copper Company (the "Company") the right to use public lands for its proposed mine.

1. Water

As one speaker put it at the May 12 meeting, even with copper at $4/pound, the most valuable "mineral" in the West is water. This mine will require some 90,000 gallons per minute to be pumped from the same aquifer that serves the residents of Sonoita and Elgin. Although the Company has promised to mitigate this in several ways, such as extending CAP and using that water to recharge the aquifer with treated discharge water from the mine, that is little solace. If the water is injected near the surface, it will take 100 years or more to reach the aquifer, by which time the water-bearing rock layers will have been depleted of water and collapsed, causing subsidence.

If the CAP and mine discharge water are injected directly into the aquifer, we run the risk of contamination from untreated CAP water. Most of us using well water may use water softeners, but do not treat our water beyond that. There is no plan to compensate us to upgrade our water treatment facilities to handle the degraded water supply.

This may be moot if the water table drops and we simply run out of water. As it is, various hydrology reports for the area indicate that this area can support only limited future population growth as it is, assuming no mine is built. The mine would most likely dry up our wells, killing the towns of Sonoita, Patagonia, and Elgin and removing hundreds of millions of dollars of property asset value from the personal wealth of local residents and from the county property tax roles. Half my retirement assets are tied up in the 20 acres of land and buildings on my property. If I am unable to sell this property in five years or so for what they are worth now (or more) when I retire from my employment, then I will have suffered a tremendous financial loss that I will never be able to recover.

2. Use of State Route 83

Five days each week, I commute from Sonoita to my job in Tucson along State Route 83 (SR 83) from our home just north of the Elgin School on Milky Way all the way to I-10. At least once a week, and sometimes several times each week, the Arizona state police (DPS) force regular car traffic off to the side of the road (there is no shoulder to speak of) to wait sometimes as long as 15 minutes or more for a wide load to pass by. This is because one of the overpasses on I-10 is too low for many loads. One day this spring, there were six such wide loads in a single day along SR 83.

The Rosemont Copper Company proposes to use SR 83 to ship refined copper in the form of plates as well as concentrated ore along a section of SR 83 using semi-trailer trucks. I presume this will occur at all times of the day and night. Imagine what will happen when the mine trucks encounter wide loads coming the other way on a nearly daily basis. There is no shoulder for the mine trucks to use while the wide load passes. There is nothing in the plan for the Rosemont Mine Company to pay to correct the I-10 overpasses to permit wide loads to stay on I-10.

This is a daily traffic jam waiting to happen. I need to get to work in Tucson each day on time to my job in support of another Federal agency, the National Science Foundation. They will not be pleased to learn that their operations have been affected by another Federal agency (also see light pollution in Section 3 below).

Aside from potential traffic jams caused by mine trucks encountering frequent wide loads on SR 83, we suffer frequent cracks in our car windshields due to Arizona's use of chip sealing instead of true asphalt for road surfacing. In 18 years of living in the Washington, DC area, I never once had to replace a car windshield due to a stone kicked up by a car or truck. We have now lived in Arizona for 18 years, and have replaced about four windshields and will soon have to replace another with a crack caused by a stone kicked up by a truck.

If I have to follow a constant stream of mine trucks into Tucson every day, not only will it slow down my commute, but it will increase my car insurance rates (and those of everyone else in Arizona) because of increased windshield replacement rates from truck-induced stone damage.

3. Light Pollution

Tucson and the surrounding area is home of several major astronomical observatories. The Rosemont mine, to be profitable, must be operated during the night as well as during the day. A visit to other open pit mines shows they are light pollution disasters. The Company claims they are not subject to the Pima County lighting ordinance. If this is true, there is no means of ensuring they will not cause irreparable damage to nearby astronomical observatories.

The US ***national*** observatory owned by the National Science Foundation, Kitt Peak National Observatory, is located to the west of the proposed mine location at nearby Kitt Peak. The Smithsonian Institution operates the world's 14th largest telescope just a few miles away in the same Santa Rita Mountains as the proposed mine site on Mt. Hopkins. There are several smaller

professional telescopes at the Harvard-Smithsonian Mt. Hopkins site, as well as many amateur observatories in the Patagonia, Sonoita, and Elgin area. John Gross's Sonoita Research Observatory provides data to several professional astronomers, resulting in several papers in refereed journals. The Winer Observatory near the Elgin School hosts telescopes from The Ohio State University, the University of Iowa, and Washington University in St. Louis providing data to undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty at these institutions as well as to a local student from Nogales for his science fair project.

The mine places all of these facilities at risk. At the May 12 meeting, the Company president promised to comply with lighting codes even though he felt not obligated to. However, during early exploratory operations, the Company operated a very intense light that clearly violated the Pima County lighting code by using an unshielded light that glared directly into the eyes of drivers at night on SR 83, creating a hazardous condition at the road curve at the Rosemount turnout on SR 83.

If the Company violated the Pima County lighting ordinance during its exploratory operations, I have no confidence in its pledge to abide by the law during normal mining operations once all permits are granted and there is no way to force compliance. The Company, in its ignorance of good lighting practice, cites safety as the need for high lighting levels. Very high lighting levels at night actually reduce safety instead of increasing it. If the Project is approved, which it should not be, at a minimum the Company should be forced to comply with all Pima County and Santa Cruz County lighting ordinances including those regarding observatories in close proximity. They should also be forced to hire a qualified lighting engineer, such as Chris Monrad in Tucson to design their lighting to ensure it complies with all local ordinances.

Astronomy is a major economic force in Arizona, especially in the Tucson area. Observatories represent in excess of $1 billion in total investment (most of it paid with taxpayer dollars from the National Science Foundation), and bring in over $252 million to the Arizona economy each year, employing some 3,300 in Arizona. This represents far more economic impact than the Superbowl when it comes to the Phoenix area approximately every ten years.

The concentration of observatories in Tucson has spurred the growth of an optics industry in Tucson to the extent that Tucson is now known as "optics valley" in the way that the area southeast of San Francisco is known as "silicon valley".

It is not an exaggeration to say that this one mine threatens several frontline professional observatories, dozens of amateur observatories, and an entire optics industry. This mine cannot create enough high-technology jobs of the right type to offset the economic blight that would result if this project is approved. The US Forest Service will have to answer to the National Science Foundation and the Smithsonian Institution explain why it approved a project that ruined its expensive astronomical observatories.

4. Scenic Desecration

SR 83 is designated by the Arizona Department of Transportation (DOT) as a scenic highway. The area in designated for use by the Company is the most scenic along the highway. It was used several years ago as a filming location for the Young Riders television series, due to its tremendous scenic beauty.

The mine project would completely destroy the beauty of this site. I invite you to visit this site, and look at it in its present, pristine condition. Then go visit the open pit mine in Morenci near Clifton, AZ. Approving this project would turn a beautiful, scenic site into horrible scar on the surface of the Earth. Once this is done, it is done forever, there is no going back. No amount of "restoration" will ever restore the site to its original, pristine condition. That is the history of all previous mining sites, and this one will be no different.

5. Who Benefits?

It is within the jurisdiction of the US Forest Service to promote the use of Forest Service lands for the benefit of the American People. This includes forestry, mining, and other uses with economic benefit to America.

The problem is, with this project, the minerals don't stay in the U.S. and neither do the profits. One estimate is that 80% of the copper and other minerals will go to China alone, with very little of the net extracted metals staying here to benefit us.

The Company is owned by a company in Canada that is, in turn, owned by a Japanese company. The profits of operating the mine eventually find their way to Japan, not the U.S.

Is it really in America's interest to destroy the source of water for a local community (lowering their property values in the process), cause traffic jams on the local highway serving that community, shut down observatories operated by other Federal agencies, and destroy a scenic highway in a state that depends on tourism far more than mining for economic survival, all to have the mining products and profits shipped overseas? Is that the best way to fulfill your mandate to serve the American people?

Sincerely,

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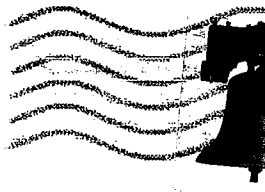

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COMMENTS:

There are many reasons to oppose the proposed Rosemont Copper Project including the obvious defacing of the "Scenic Santa Ritas". Other reasons include night lighting that would affect the nearby observatories, possible ground water pollution issues, a negative affect on recreational use of the Coronado National Forest, and excessive and abusive use of Scenic Highway 82/83 by the mine haul trucks.

I believe the most important concern is the huge use of scarce water by the mine. Our water resources are already stressed by the fact that the Tucson Active Management Area is using a blend of 45% recharged CAP water. The Upper Santa Cruz sub-basin is part of the TAMA groundwater basin. The mine will further stress an already tenuous water supply for Southern Arizona and the Colorado River water users.

My further question and concern is to ask why the Forest Service would actually agree to review this mining proposal. The Forest Service mission is to protect our forest lands against such abusive use.

This mining site is situated in a prime forest location recognized by ADOT as a scenic highway and admired by all who visit or live in Southeast Arizona. To destroy this huge forest area now enjoyed by the public would be an inconceivable decision by the Forest Service. This forest belongs to the nation and its people and should not benefit a mining company owned by foreigners who then will sell the products to another foreign country.

A further comment is in regard to the idea that the mine area can be reclaimed. This is pure myth. A little cosmetic top soil on the tailing banks is not reclamation. The Forest Service should not be misled by extravagant reclamation proposals. Just look at the existing open pit mines in Arizona and you will understand that reclamation is a word that cannot be applied to completed mining operations. They will be left as a destroyed National Forest area.

Respectfully submitted,

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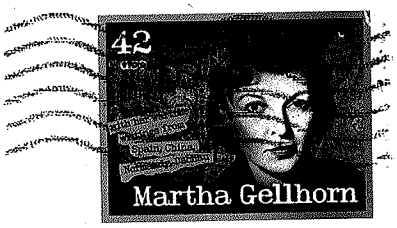

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My water is pumped from well number 55-205652

The legal description of my property is:

21 S Township 17 E S-Range 15 E-Section

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I would like to know what impact the Rosemont Mine would have on my well.
Can I expect the water table to be lowered, if so, will my well run dry?
If my well runs dry, who will pay to get the water to my home?
If I cannot get water to my property, who will compensate me for the total loss in value of my property, loss in livestock and emotional damage?
What will the quality of my water be compared to what it was before Rosemont operations began?
What do you estimate the future ground water table to be?
Will a trust be established securing funds for wells that will be directly or indirectly effected by Rosemont Mine?
Will a surface and ground water study be completed describing impacts of the Rosemont Mine on the East Side of the Santa Ritas?
For how long can a sufficient supply of CAP water be guaranteed?

I look forward to receiving a written answer to these concerns.
Thank you,

Jim W Carson Karen Carson

Call Arizona Dept. Of Water Resources for well numbers 602-771-8500.
You will need to have the above legal property description available before you call. It can be obtained from your tax statement or by calling the county.
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1. How much water will be pumped from the Cienaga watershed?
2. Will this deplete MY water resources?
3. Will Rosemont finance damage, redrilling, or drilling a new well?
4. Will the Cienaga watershed be monitored over the life of the Rosemont venture?
5. Can we expect to have bond money set aside for damages?
6. Will a complete exhaustive hydrology report be done on BOTH watersheds, so that a base line can be developed for water quality AND quantity?

I have had a base test done on flow rate and a water quality test by a national testing company. I also keep a well performance logbook as reference. We will cooperate with any NFS represented consultants on this issue.

Respectfully,

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Thank you for answering these questions

Sincerely,

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29 May 2008

Rosemont Copper Project:

I feel appalled by the idea that you seek the right to invade our paradise by attempting to dissect, strip, and poison it for personal profits unearned, leaving scars for generations to come.
Certainly, you are aware of the impact your venture will have on this community and all it entails.

In order to satisfy your greed you attempt to steal our treasures, namely, this precious environment which has been held in trust by some of the people in our community for generations.
Many of us have made great sacrifices to come here, choosing this area to live in harmony and peace with nature.

Your endeavors are destructive. How can you justify your actions?
Please, go home and try digging up your own backyards.

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COMMENT: I am very concerned about our water supply here in Green Valley. Our ground water level is already sinking about two feet each year. I understand Rosemont Mine already has permission to drill one well which will start drawing even more water from the aquifer. Unless this water shortage problem can be reversed, I urge you not to grant permission for the mine to begin operations.

Thank you
Richard Oakley

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I am writing in support of mining at the Rosemont Project. Copper is a resource needed by our modern industrial society. The copper in the Rosemont vicinity should be extracted consistent with existing environmental regulation.

It is important to the economic health of the region and our country that we develope our nation's resources and not become dependent on outside sources as we have in other instances.

Existing environmental regulations provide adequate safeguards to air and water quality in the area. While there are downsides to any project of this size, the benefits to our economy, way of life and national security make this project desirable.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

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COMMENT:

We really need these jobs and the environmental impact seems negligible.

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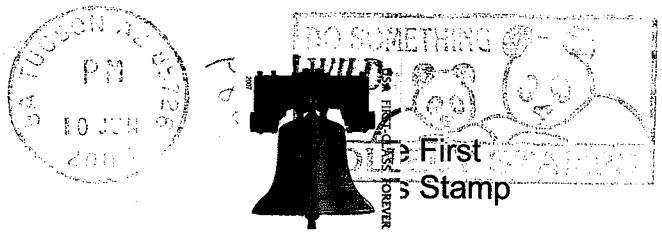

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Somehow &/or someway convince the great public
The errors and dangers of sending our dollars
overseas to import what we have available
here in the U.S..

This has happened in oil & now in copper.

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June 8, 2008

Team Leader
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I wish to call your attention to a serious problem with the Proposed Rosemont Copper project which I have been able to ascertain from the DVD distributed yesterday at the U.S. Forest Service meeting held on June 7th at the Suhuarita high school

I have concern that several of the storage and holding tanks and ponds for chemically treated tailings may not have sufficient capacity. For example,

Pg.21, "Heap leach" . Stacked ore, exposed to dripped leach solution containing copper will flow by gravity from the leach pad to a collection pad. ..."A stormwater pond will be installed to collect any excess water that may be generated during a large precipitation event".

No specifications are given to indicate the volume needed for this storage, and how the stormwater pond will be protected.. In other parts of the proposal, a 24-hour, 100-flood is designated, but not in this part of the design.

Pg.27 bottom to pg. 28 top With respect to tailings in the dry-stack operation, " Stormwater run on to the north stack will be limited by diverting the major drainage upstream of the stack area." "An attenuation pond immediately upgradient of the central drain is designed to temporarily store flows from the 100-year 24 hour storm event will drain within 30 days"

Pg. 46. "The Project water management facilities are intended to have sufficient capacity to handle runoff generated throughout the life of the Project for the 100-year, 24-hour storm events."
" Storm water flows from the plant site will be collected in the lined PWTS Pond located immediately down gradient of the plant site. The PWTS Pond is designed to provide lined storage for the equivalent of three days of process flows (69 million gallons) plus the 100-year, 24 –hour storm event"

A 100 year storm event is not adequate to prevent release of toxic treated tailings over the life of the tailings. On July31-Aug.1, 2006, there was a "1,000-year" flood in southern Arizona. For example, Rincon creek flow rate exceeded all previous records, and there were millions of dollars of damage

throughout Tucson, including Sabino Canyon. Toxic waste from the mine tailing pits will drain into Cienega wash and ultimately contaminate the major aquifers underlying the Tucson Basin.

I hope that you will take this issue into account when considering the adequacy of the Rosemont proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Seymour Reichlin

Seymour Reichlin, M.D., Ph.D.
Retired Professor, University of Arizona.

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COMMENT: I Live 4 miles North of the Proposed mine. My Concerns Are:

1. Water – My well has gone from 150 gal. per day to 20 gal per day. Basicly dry! There are already strains on Arizona's water. When the 1872 Law was passed water was not an issue.
2. Noise – My close proximity to the mine will change my quality of life with the Noise generated by blasting and use of heavy equipment.
3. Dust – The prevailing winds will decrease ~~my~~ air quality at my home.
4. Scenic Views – I will be distorted. Highway 83 is a designated scenic byway. The peaceful drives in the area will be changed forever.
5. Reclaimmation – The area can never be the same. Bonds don't matter because of inflation & the Co. will sell the mine or never "shut it down". Example: the mine at Ajo, Az
6. Wildlife impacts
7. Veg. impacts

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COMMENT:

I think that it would be most horrible to destroy the mountain range. What about the people and wildlife that use it? What will they do? It will become a horrible eyesore if the mine happens.

NAME: Peggy Nolty

EMAIL: panolty@yahoo.com

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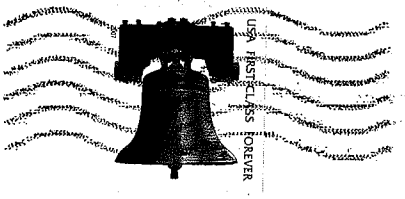

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Subject: Rosemont Copper Project

I fear that approval of this project will destroy my home and business. I am a joint owner of a private well at 16121 South Country Club Rd. in Sahuarita heights. This well serves domestic water to two homes and a small business on the 5 acres served by the well. Without water these properties would be unusable. It would completely destroy the value of the properties.

Rosemont has announced the intention to pump water from under my neighborhood.. Their wells are far deeper than mine. They also intend to pump vast amounts of water. This would surely take my water. It should also be expected to take the water of all of my neighbors. My well registration number is 55 - 629698. The well agreement shows the owners as Edwin and Phyllis Sirrine and Lorin and Sandy Shumway. My property is more or less between Rosemont's two well sites.

Water law does not provide for legal action until the damage is done. By then our homes could not be saved. Negative action by the forest service on this project could save my home and many others before the damage is done. Without forest service help, defensive action would probably be to little and to late.

Edwin B Sirrine

Edwin Sirrine
16121 S. Country Club Road
Sahuarita Arizona
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Ms. Beverly Everson, Geologist
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My water is pumped from well number 535724

The legal description of my property is:

20 Township 18 S-Range _____ E-Section

Santa Cruz County 2 Book pg 529 Map J-4 J-5 Parcel

I would like to know what impact the Rosemont Mine would have on my well.
Can I expect the water table to be lowered, if so, will my well run dry?
If my well runs dry, who will pay to get the water to my home?
If I cannot get water to my property, who will compensate me for the total loss in value of my property, loss in livestock and emotional damage?
What will the quality of my water be compared to what it was before Rosemont operations began?
What do you estimate the future ground water table to be?
Will a trust be established securing funds for wells that will be directly or indirectly effected by Rosemont Mine?
Will a surface and ground water study be completed describing impacts of the Rosemont Mine on the East Side of the Santa Ritas?
For how long can a sufficient supply of CAP water be guaranteed?

I look forward to receiving a written answer to these concerns.
Thank you,

Dr. Laura Lawlah

Call Arizona Dept. Of Water Resources for well numbers 602-771-8500.
You will need to have the above legal property description available before you call. It can be obtained from your tax statement or by calling the county.
Certified mail is recommended but not necessary.
The Arizona Dept. Of Water Resources website is: www.azwater.gov.

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REQUEST FORM TO CHANGE WELL INFORMATION
OWNERSHIP * DRILLER * VARIANCE

Please complete the appropriate section of this request form and return to P.O. Box 458, Phoenix, Arizona 85001-0458 or hand deliver to the above address with applicable fee. NOTE: A.R.S. §45-593.C requires that the Department be notified of change of well ownership and that the new owner is required to keep the Department's Well Registration records current and accurate. Well data and ownership changes must be submitted within thirty days after changes take place.

SAVE THIS FORM TO REPORT FUTURE CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP, CHANGES IN ADDRESS, OR CHANGE IN WELL DATA SUCH AS PUMP CAPACITY, CORRECTION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION, CHANGE OF WELL DRILLER AND AMENDING INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FILED.

1. **CHANGE OF WELL INFORMATION: (NO FEE REQUIRED)**

NOTE: If the location of the proposed well changes after drilling authority has been issued, attach a $10.00 reissue fee for each well.

WELL REGISTRATION NO. 55-_____ FILE NO: _____

If known, I/We request the following well information be changed: New MAILING ADDRESS: Laura Pawlak
HC1 Box 8 Elgin AZ 85611

Date 05-04-05 Signature of Current Well Owner L Pawlak

2. **STATEMENT OF CHANGE OF WELL OWNERSHIP: ($10.00 FEE REQUIRED)**

NOTE: If this change consists of more than one well and the names are common: attach a $10.00 fee. Otherwise, each well requires a separate fee of $10.00.

I, Laura Pawlak, state that I am the Previous/New Owner of the well described below:

____ ¼ (10 Acre) X ¼ (40 Acre) ____ ¼ (160 Acre) of Section 31 Township 20 Range 18

Assessor's tax parcel number of the parcel on which the well is located: Book 2 Map 529 Parcel J-5, J-4 (if known)

Well Registration No. 55- 535724 File No. Fee 0408779

Previous Owner: Danny R. Ward
PRINT Previous Owner's Name
P.O. Box 5112
Mailing Address
Sonoita AZ 85637
City State Zip
663-8845
Telephone Number

New Owner: LAURA PAWLAK
PRINT New Owner's Name
290 N Johnson Canyon Rd
Mailing Address
Kanab Ut 84741
City State Zip
435-644-5840
Telephone Number

Signature of Previous/New Well Owner X Laura L Pawlak Date 11-8-04

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June 7, 2008

Team Leader
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Coronado National Forest
300 West Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Rosemont Team Leader,

I would like to voice my concerns during the comment process for the proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project. My wife and I live at 19960 South Sonoita Highway. We moved here in December of 1998. After our children grew-up and graduated, we decided to make the move out of town that we always dreamed about. After about six months of looking, we found our home on Sonoita Highway; where we live now and will eventually retire to.

Below are the many concerns we have with the proposed mine which would be located only three miles south of us:

1) Our water is from a well that supports six families. We have never had a problem with our water, it is soft and crystal clear. Our well is 650 feet deep and the underground stream that supplies our well runs from south to north. With the proposed mine just three miles south of us, it will have a horrific effect upon our well. Without that water, it will make life very hard and reduce the value of our land considerably. Water is very scarce in the desert and the mine will either take our water away from us or pollute it to an extent that it would be unusable. Tapping the ground water has been going on for some time in the Sonoran Desert. As pumping technology has enabled aquifers to be more effectively exploited, the region's water table has dropped an average of 160 feet and as much as 1,000 feet in some areas. Are we going to continue to let this happen?

2) a) All day I listen to the chimes we have on our porch outside, because this area is always windy. We worked our whole life to buy this house. If the mine is approved 3 miles south (down wind) from our home the particle pollution and the heavy metal contamination in the dust caused from the tailing and waste piles/overburden would make living here unbearable along with causing health issues.

   b) The explosions will be going 24/7, how can we possibly think let alone sleep with this kind of noise. Our home would become worthless and the value of the house would not even pay off the amount owed on our mortgage.

3) Increased traffic on Highway 83 would be a significant safety issue. We ride our bikes along with fellow bicyclist and it is a narrow road. At times there is barely enough room for me and a vehicle to share the road. There will be **NO** room with the large haul trucks and wide heavy construction equipment going up and down the road. We fear for ourselves and other bicyclist sharing the road. There will be accidents and

when you tangle with that kind of vehicle, it could and would be deadly. We fear for the lives of the neighborhood children waiting for the school bus when those mining trucks need to stop for the school bus but can't stop.

4) We live in a Wildlife corridor, the kinds of wildlife we have seen in the almost 10 years of living here is extraordinary. We have seen bobcats, coatimundis, fox, deer, javelinas, rattlesnakes, king snakes, roadrunners, gila monsters, lizards, bats... the list just goes on and on. As for the birds, we have seen all kinds and species. In the spring and fall, we have the hummingbirds coming through here in the hundreds. We put out seven (7) feeders and go through 300 ounces of food a day during the peak season. We have hummingbirds three plus deep waiting their turn to eat. The tree next to the feeders are filled with hummingbirds waiting their turn . We fear for the wildlife and for our lives while we live and play here. This mine would endanger us, our grandchildren, neighbors and the tourist that come here to play. Where will all the wildlife go when they run for their lives when the mine starts operating? They will exit to our backyard and endanger our pets, children and ourselves.

We have family that come to visit and they can't get over how beautiful this place is where we live. We go down to Sonoita to eat and the trip down and back is just breathtaking. With Rosemont mine, it will be an eye sore. We fear that both the small towns of Sonoita and Patagonia will just disappear because they depend on tourism. Who will want to come here with the negative impact that Rosemont Mine will create. We have destroyed our land from within for so long and now we are letting a foreign corporation come here and do it for us. The negative impacts far out weight the profit of the corporation. Do not revise the Forest Plan to accommodate mining for Augusta Resource Corp. Augusta has no real legal right to use Arizona's public land for their mining purposes.

There is only one reason why the Augusta Resource Corp. wants to mine here and that is for the profit. There are hundreds of thousands of reason why the mine should **NOT** be open and that is for all our future generations of children, grandchildren and their children, grandchildren, etc. along with all the future generations of wildlife. Enough is enough and we the people have taken enough. **We do not want the mine to open here.**

We have worked all of our lives to find a place to retire to. If the mine opens we have just worked all of our lives for nothing! We will be driven out, lose our home and only God knows what will happen to us, and so will many of our good neighbors and friends!

Concerned residence of Scenic Sonoita Highway,

Andrew Chwalek

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June 3, 2008

Ms. Beverly Everson
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Dear Ms. Everson,

I am pleased to submit comments on the NEPA Review for the Rosemont Mine.

As background, I am a fourteen year resident of Sonoita, AZ and have served as a volunteer for the Forest Service as well as the BLM. I am also a volunteer for The Nature Conservancy and State Parks. I am the immediate past President of the Friends of Soniita Creek. Through my residency and volunteer work and I am intimately familiar with the area which would be impacted by the mine. I believe that the mine would destroy a valuable natural resource and may directly damage water sources in the area through water use and contamination. I find the Rosemont Project Mine Plan and Reclamation and Closure Plan lacks credibility and tend to dismiss serious issues in the area of impact on the natural environment. For example night lights and blasting one foot holes are thought to have no impact on wildlife (the Wilderness Area starts next to the proposed mine site). As a result, I am opposed to this project.

More specifically, the following issues need to be addressed:

1) The NEPA needs to make a serious investigation of water use and potential impacts.

The Project Mine Plan states that there are no reliable sources of water available and envisions using CAP water to offset environmental and community impacts. It has made an informal non binding commitment to do so. It is not clear whether the use of CAP water will be sustained either because the mining company elects not to do so or CAP water becomes unavailable. Recent studies of the Colorado River show that it may virtually dry up by 2015, resulting in no water for this project in a period of rationing or at a minimum water availability at a much higher cost than planned.

An alternative and more likely water use scenario which should be explored in full is the absence of CAP water.

2) It s not clear in the Project Mine Report what the risks are of contaminating the Cinega Basin water and this should be examined in detail by experts in this area.

The report talks to "minimizing downstream disturbances" and "minimizing environmental impacts" without a clear idea of risk.

Hummel to Everson
June 3

The Ciega Basin drains north and also south east and provides three quarters of the surface water for Sonoita Creek. Sonoita Creek and the surrounding areas were named in a study done in 2001 by the Nature Conservancy as the most biologically diverse area in the entire West. There should be zero tolerance for risk to this national treasure.

3) The reclamation design and compliance process needs to be reworked to ensure implementation and the desired results.

Based upon my construction experience the reclamation costs are greatly understated. The objective should be reclamation not spending a certain amount of money. Reclamation costs should be budget at the high end of possibility and a contingency factor added. Reclamation funds should be put in a separate fund and accounting and use should be monitored by a third party. Continuing and long-standing contamination from mines in the Patagonia area suggests that the Forest Service is not the correct party to supervise reclamation.

3) All of the costs of this project should be quantified whether the fall within the narrow definition of cost in the NEPA process so the decision can be place in a proper context.

These costs include a dramatic loss in land values in the surrounding area, a probable need to improve Route 83 beyond that included in the project, a need to build a new bridge over I10 so wide loads will not need to go around via Route 83, and a loss in tourist revenue.

4) The project needs to specifically exclude Route 82 as a transportation road.

Before connecting with Route 83, Route 82 goes through two communities, a nature conservancy and three schools, and they should not be subject to the risks of toxic chemicals and waste (Mexico is believed to be the low cost producer for the chemical ingredients).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have and question or would like to discuss my comments further, please let me know

Sincerely,

G. Ronald Hummel

CC: Hon. Jon Kyle
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Hon. Gabrielle Giffordsj
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COMMENT: At a time when "planet green" is the focus, this project should be charged for greenhouse gases emitted. The number of trucks per day along with employee travel is polution beyond necessity. Job's are temporary. Destruction to water, wild life, land is permanent

How will company guarantee accident free truck travel?
How will my well # 55-535724 be protected?
I plan to bring families down to my non-profit ranch for therapy. Why would anyone travel a two-lane road filled with giant trucks? My life-time project to help families with childhood cancer would be ruined.

I intend to contact Senator McCann!

NAME: Dr Laura Paulak

EMAIL: rainbowranch1 at hughes.net

ADDRESS: 116 Camino Agave
Elgin AZ 85611

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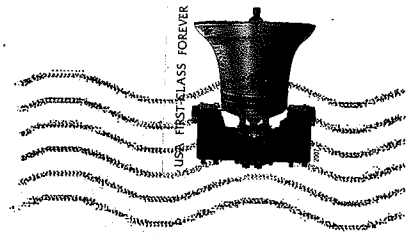

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COMMENT:

To whom it may concern

I am 85 years of age and visit my daughter in Elgin AZ yearly. I will no longer encourage the family to travel to Elgin nor come myself, if this project - with its huge Trucks Travel the only road to her home.

NAME: Malda Lewin

EMAIL: None

ADDRESS: 301 Chadwick Square Unit E
Hendersonville NC 28739

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June 9, 2008

Supervisor Jean Derby
Coronado National Forest
300 W. Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: EIS Scoping Process for the proposed Rosemont Mine

Supervisor Derby:

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Sahuarita, Arizona, by a majority vote, respectfully request the Forest Service suspend the current EIS scoping process for the proposed Rosemont Mine and initiate a new EIS scoping process.

Your office requested additional information from Augusta Resource Corporation in a letter dated October 19, 2007. Until such a time as your requests have been fully satisfied and the requested new Mining Plan of Operations is issued, we believe the current scoping process will yield an incomplete product. We agree with Congressman Grijalva and Congresswoman Giffords in their letter dated May 22, 2008, that there is a great deal of confusion and lack of clarity regarding deadlines, reports and documents for public consumption, and the public hearing process.

We have serious concerns regarding the public information and hearing processes. The scoping process is designed to elicit questions and comments, yet hearings have been disrupted and cancelled. We realize this is an emotionally charged issue; however public discussion must take place. Arrangements must be found to ensure all participants are heard in an equitable and courteous manner, and the rights and security of the venues are guaranteed.

Our Congressional Representatives further assert that the Forest Service agreed to establish working groups of citizens and cooperating agencies to weigh in on Augusta's proposed operation. However, working groups have not yet been organized and the scoping process is scheduled for completion in less than two months. The Town of Sahuarita maintains the Forest Service must honor that agreement and wants to be part of that discussion. Sahuarita, its neighbors, and the entire region have a vested interest in potential water use, the environment – especially the control and monitoring of air pollution and land usage by the proposed mine. These are not merely academic questions for us; these issues directly impact our lives and our community.

Respectfully,

Mayor Lynne Skelton _____

Vice-Mayor Phil Conklin _____

Council Member Charles E. Oldham _____

Council Member Marty Moreno _____

Council Member John J. Sullivan _____

Council Member Roger Minor _____

Council Member Scott Downs _____

CC: Congresswoman Giffords
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COMMENT: How can this mining be allowed to happen when we have such a water issue? The mining, if allowed, would require so much water.

Please rethink any consideration ~~any~~ in favor of the mine and say No. It will negatively impact many areas, but water is a big one!

NAME: Peggy Nolty

EMAIL: panolty@yahoo.com

ADDRESS: 7963 E Maggie Ct
85715

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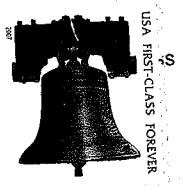

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2230 E 9th Street
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June 13, 2008

Team Leader,
Rosemont Copper Project,
Coronado National Forest,
300 W. Congress St.,
Tucson, Arizona 85701

RE: Proposed Rosemont Copper Project

Dear Rosemont Copper Project Team Leader:

Arizona Walks has a number of concerns regarding the Proposed Rosemont Copper Project. These include:

1. The proposed project would **significantly degrade** the walking experiences of hikers and other outdoor users of designated trails in the Santa Rita Mountains and its foothills, especially the Arizona Trail, as well as the Greaterville Trail (#79).
2. The proposed project will **negatively affect** environmental justice for lower income residents in the vicinity, as well as other residents.
3. The proposed project will **cause irreparable harm** to a federally endangered bat, the lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris yerbabuenae*). The lesser long-nosed bat is a resident of desert-scrub country (the Santa Rita Foothills where the lesser long-nosed bat is colonial, occupying old mines and caves, right in the area where the proposed Rosemont copper project would be located) at the base of mountains where the alluvial fan supports agaves, yuccas, and saguaros.

Based on these concerns, the project should be examined extremely closely, by an independent, non-biased entity.

You may reach me at the above address, by phone at 520-623-1007, or e-mail at kc7ovm@dakotacom.net.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns,

Richard E Corbett, M.S., A.I.C.P.
Founder & Executive Director

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By U.S. mail and facsimile :

Ms. Jeanine Derby
Forest Supervisor
Coronado National Forest
Office of the Forest Supervisor
300 West Congress Street
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Re: Requests for "restarting" the scoping process

Dear Ms. Derby:

We have been able to obtain a copy of a joint letter from Representative's Giffords' and Grijalva's offices dated May 22, 2008, requesting that the scoping process for the Rosemont Mine Copper Project be "restarted". We have also obtained a copy of a similar letter from Pima County to the Forest Service with essentially the same request. We have asked that these parties include us as a recipient on Rosemont-related correspondence in this public matter; we are disappointed that they continue to fail to do so, especially in light of the stated desire for transparency by all parties.

Rosemont Copper Company strongly opposes "restarting" the scoping process. It is particularly distressing that after having obtained a 90-day extension of the scoping process, Representatives Giffords and Grijalva would almost immediately request that the scoping process be "restarted". This request, and the reasons underlying it, appears to reflect a fundamental misunderstanding of the nature of the scoping process. Scoping is an open process conducted by the federal action agency to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the environmental impact statement (EIS) and to identify significant issues related to the proposed action. A primary purpose of scoping is to notify those who may be affected by a proposed federal action that the NEPA process is being initiated so that such parties are aware of and able to participate meaningfully in the entire EIS process from start to finish. The process conducted by the Forest Service has been true to this goal. Interested parties should be informing the Forest Service of issues of concern that need to be addressed in the EIS, not asking that the clock be reset once again. Scoping is not the end, but the beginning of the process.

In addition, the specific reasons for asking for further delays are without merit. First, the Forest Service cannot be responsible for supposed confusion related to when comments are due. The notice of intent to prepare the EIS is clear – the scoping process ends on July 14, 2008. The fact that the Forest Service indicated in its original notice that late filed comments may be considered simply reflects the agency's own discretion to accept such comments. For its part, the Forest Service has been exceedingly solicitous of public input by extending the scoping period to a full 120 days, thereby giving the interested

public plenty of time to submit input on the significant issues that should be addressed in the EIS. There should be no confusion as to when the scoping process stops or when comments are due.

The fact that the described proposed action was "approval" of the mine plan of operations (MPO) is also not a basis for restarting the scoping process. The notice of intent does not say that the Forest Service is *going* to approve the MPO, rather it says that the *proposed* action is approval of the MPO and that the EIS will assess and disclose the environmental effects of that approval, plus alternatives thereto, including a "no action" alternative. Thus, there is no basis to conclude that the "no action" alternative will not be vigorously analyzed.

It is also inappropriate to suggest that scoping needs to be delayed pending release of "important studies and documents" to the public. This statement again demonstrates a basic misunderstanding of the nature of scoping. The Forest Service is not seeking detailed analysis or comment on studies prepared in support of the MPO. Since scoping is initiated by a presentation to the public of general information about the proposed action, it is not intended to commence with presentation of detailed studies for the purpose of seeking comment on such studies. Development of detailed studies on a number of resource issues (including water) are part of the process and these studies will provide extensive, detailed information as the process proceeds. Importantly, the public will have ample time to review such documents in the context of the Forest Service analysis and decision-making process.

Finally, we believe that the Forest Service's commitments regarding establishment of "working groups" to participate in the EIS process are being misconstrued by the letter. The Forest Service must clarify its position on this point to avoid any confusion from the statements made in letters or from public commentary by Representatives Giffords or Grijalva. The decision to approve the MPO is the Forest Service's and the Forest Service's alone. Working groups cannot be formed for the purpose of providing oversight or otherwise overriding the Service's decisionmaking role. As we have said before, Rosemont Copper Company is fully supportive of all public participation so long as it is absolutely clear that the decisions remain with the Forest Service.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our views with you. Again, we oppose any further extensions of the scoping process. The current 120-day period is more than sufficient to engage the public in this process and obtain meaningful input on the range of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS.

Best regards,

ROSEMONT COPPER COMPANY

Jamie Sturgess

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Cc: Corbin Newman, Deputy Regional Forester

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