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PUBLIC COMMENTS
FOR THE
PROPOSED ROSEMONT COPPER PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

IT IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT THE WATERTABLE IN THE GREEN VALLEY REGION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISHING WITH EACH PASSING YEAR.

THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THIS CRITICAL LOSE OF WATER IS THE AMOUNT OF WATER DEMANDED FOR THE CURRENT MINING OPERATIONS IN THE AREA.

ROSEMONT COPPER MINES ESTIMATES THEY WILL INITIALLY USE BETWEEN 5,000 TO 8,000 ACRE FEET OF WATER PER YEAR. IT IS THE ACCEPTED STANDARD TO CALCULATE THAT 1 ACRE FOOT ANNUALLY PROVIDES ENOUGH WATER FOR TWO FAMILIES OF FOUR.

THIS MEANS THAT ROSEMONT COPPER MINES WOULD ANNUALLY REQUIRE A WATER SUPPLY THAT COULD SUPPORT 10,000 TO 16,000 FAMILIES OR 40,000 TO 64,000 INDIVIDUALS FOR ONE YEAR.

THEREFORE:

ROSEMONT COPPER MINES MUST BE PROHIBITED FROM OPERATING WITHOUT FIRST GRANTING A FAIL/SAFE GUARANTEE THEIR OPERATIONS WILL NOT FURTHER DIMINISH THE WATER TABLE.

IF SUCH STRINGENT, YET PRUDENT STANDARDS ARE NOT SET, GREEN VALLEY IS DESTINED TO BECOME A GHOST TOWN AND SOUTHERN ARIZONA A WASTELAND OF MINE TAILINGS.

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