



SAVE THE SCENIC
SANTA RITAS
ASSOCIATION

Press Release

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SSSR Welcomes News of Rosemont Permit Rejection

Potential Fatal Blow to Massive Mine in Santa Rita Mountains

Statement of Gayle Hartmann, President of Save the Scenic Santa Ritas:

The news today that the Los Angeles District of the US Army Corps of Engineers recommended the denial of the essential water permit for the proposed Rosemont Mine is indeed good news. The utter and complete devastation of our water resources that would result from this massive mine is well-documented. The recommendation from the District Engineer to say NO to this foreign mining company is consistent with both this agency and the EPA's longstanding concerns about this project's impact to southern Arizona's water.

It is heartening to know that there are brave public servants who understand the importance of water in a desert and are willing to stand up and protect the public interests. If we deplete and contaminate our water resources, we have no future, economic or otherwise.

We understand that additional regulatory and potential legal steps remain. But today, we are even more confident that this mine will never be built.

[Save the Scenic Santa Ritas](#) is a non-profit organization working to protect the Santa Rita and Patagonia Mountains from environmental degradation caused by mining and mineral exploration.