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Humboldt County Planning and Building Department
3015 H Street
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Dear Mr. Lazar and Planning Commissioners:

Below, please find my comments on Royal Gold Soil Operation Conditional Use Permit PLN-2021-17077 for 1619 Glendale Drive, 95519.

My name is Suzanne Wolf and I live at 1772 Glendale Dr. My family has lived here since 1936 and I've enjoyed the creeks and streams especially Hall creek over the years. We have also been honored to be part of the industrial and manufacturing in Glendale as my uncle worked at the mill previously at this location. The mitigated never negative declaration regarding Royal Gold Soil Operation is disconcerting in that toxic fertilizer goes directly through the culvert and into Hall Creek directly into the Mad River.

Whatever happens at Royal Gold will end up directly into the Mad River, not diverted from the Mad River. This not only includes potential harm from new materials such as fertilizer, but could also include historic toxins from previous mill activities. PCPs and Dioxins are known to be on-site in dangerous amounts. Reports from the California Department of Toxic Substance Control show that Dioxin is showing up along and in the surface water.

As you are aware Hall Creek and the Mad River are the primary water supply for the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District. Our homes, businesses and industries need clean water to remain stable over the long run.

CEQA guidelines support industries that meet stormwater protection as well as regulations that help the environment. We believe that there is small business support that can ensure financial security to Royal Gold so that they do not endure all of the costs alone to ensure a clean water supply. This is a complex project requiring good partnerships to create solutions that support a win for the environment and the business as they may not be able to afford all of the costs required to keep the water and industrial site clean of toxins.

By meeting the minimum CEQA guidelines we believe that Glendale will be able to have a strong industry as well as strong water protections. Thank you for reading this letter and I'd like to thank the planning commission for their discernment and thinking through all of the complex relationships and collaborations that are required for critical water quality in the Glendale area.

We appreciate your leadership in this matter.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Wolf
1772 Glendale Drive