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Dear Sir,

This letter is in regard to the proposed Generic EIS for uranium in-situ leaching.

First - please put me on your mailing list so I can keep informed of this issue. Email or snail mail is acceptable.

Your July 23 2007 press release raises suspicions since it mentions making environmental review more efficient. My 'evidence' is the BLM's recent attempt to revise grazing regulations. The purpose, according to the BLM, was to make regulations more efficient. The BLM was roundly chastised by a court decision, whose opinion was that the revisions were primarily concessions to the grazing industry that would result in less regulatory oversight and greatly reduced public input. More efficient? Perhaps. Proper, and NEPA compliant? Not at all.

Also, the main justification stated in the press release is this "more efficient environmental review", when in fact a much more defensible motivation would be a more effective environmental review. In the end, efficiency of review could be maximized by a single person charged with completing the review the day it is received. No one would advocate such policy.

I am interested in learning what are considered the 'common issues' with respect to ISL, and therefore by elimination, the local, or 'uncommon' issues such as geology and hydrology.

Additionally, this subject covers a wide geographic area, and your press release mentions public meetings in only two locations - Casper and Albuquerque. I am not aware of how much ISL is proposed for these, but there are many more than two ISL areas. It seems it would be proper to have well publicized meetings where ISL is active or potentially active.

Sincerely,

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