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**Cc:** Becky Leas  
**Subject:** Docket No. 40-9079 uranium mining in Crook County, WY

Dear NRC,

As a 40 year health professional specializing in health education and disease prevention, I am extremely concerned about water issues surrounding uranium mining in Crook County, WY. You have to realize that uranium mining is destroying our water sources and people and agriculture cannot survive without clean safe water. I highly object to your considering the use of a generic EIS in the evaluation of Strata's project. I also object to such projects in such near proximity to Devil's Tower National Monument. Teddy Roosevelt would have someone's head for even considering this! The mining and the potential truck traffic are not congruent with an area having a national monument and abundant recreation. Further, there are already extensive (5,000) abandoned drill holes in that area which are already causing health problems for the people and their livestock. Lastly, as a scientist, I am well read on the history of uranium mining in our country and the overwhelming cases of spills, excursions, pond leaks, and failed aquifer restorations.....In fact, I have not found one case yet that left the land and area as good or better!!!! With all due respect, this industry is like a bad melanoma.

There is little hope for our health and wellness of future generations as we continue to engage in this kind of mining.

At the least, I believe it is your responsibility to conduct the most stringent and top of the line analysis of the impacts of this proposed project. Our people, the families and the animals deserve your utmost care.

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