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RE: Scoping Comments for Ross Project EIS, Docket No. 40-9079

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the scope of NRC's anticipated environmental impact statement (EIS) for Strata Energy's Ross Uranium Project. I appreciate the opportunity to have my voice heard, and hope that the NRC will listen to public comments and apply the requests to the EIS.

I feel that the NRC should not rely on the Generic Environmental Impact Statement and should fully consider likely impacts to our county on an individualized basis. Each area of our state is unique and should be treated as such. Following are some of the areas that I feel need to be carefully researched and reviewed:

- Potential for cross contamination of adjoining aquifers, due to thousands of old exploration holes that were improperly plugged and abandoned in the past.
- Potential for depletion of adjoining aquifers, due to the high consumption of water used for the ISL process and restoration. Already there are many wells in our area that have gone dry due to past droughts and other industry in the area such as the oil extraction.
- Potential for impacts from increased truck and equipment traffic on our county roads. This increase in traffic will cause damage to our county roads, as well as excessive dust and noise. Currently there is already a major problem in our area with extreme amounts of dust in the air due to the traffic that already exists on these dirt and gravel roads.
- Potential for loss of use of public lands for other uses such as livestock grazing, hunting, and other recreational uses. These public lands are extremely important source of income and recreation for those of us who live in the area.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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