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Thank you for taking our Scoping Comments on Strata Uranium EIS. We appreciate the opportunity to voice our opinion.

We strongly encourage the NRC not to use the generic EIS when considering impacts of the proposed Strata Uranium Mine in Crook County Wyoming. This area in Wyoming is unique, and one size does not fit all.

Due to past Uranium exploration, oil exploration and seismic testing in the 1960's and 1970's there are over 5000 old drill holes in the area. Most of these holes were not plugged, or were plugged improperly. Our ranch is several miles from the proposed site. Due to exploration on Federal minerals, there were many holes left open on our ranch. The companies version of plugging a hole was to place a wedged wooden 5X6 into the hole. Several of these ran water for years, subsequently caving in and the water no longer reaches the surface. This occurred all over this area. These thousands of old, unplugged drill holes are of great concern to us. This is a perfect way to have the aquifers mix, consequently contaminating drinking water aquifers with deeper aquifers. If the insitu Uranium leaching happens in this area, the possibility of contamination is immense. We think this process is too risky to our drinking water, which is already in short supply. That coupled with the fact that insitu leaching and restoration consumes huge amount of water, again, is a concern because of limited water in the area already.

This is not a generic area, and should not be considered as such.

Thank you for taking our comments.
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