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Sent: Friday, December 30, 2011 8:33 AM
To: Ross_Project_Scoping Resource
Subject: Docket No. 40-9079 Scoping Comments

Dear Chief, Rules and Directives Branch;

As a private citizen of Clark, Wyoming that is experiencing a community with water contamination after a gas well blow out in August 2006 by Windsor, LLC I cannot stress enough the importance for you to fully consider the likely impacts to water, land, and air resources from uranium mining in Crook County. After all the years of public comments that were taken lightly for this project our community is stuck with what we all predicted, contaminated drinking water. After a remediation process those responsible refuse to sign the final draft and are slowly pulling out so the state will most likely will have to foot the bill for clean up. Maybe if the state really listened to us we would not be in this disaster but they also felt like pushing this project through telling us along the way how safe it is. **YOU MUST LET THE PUBLIC SPEAK AND TAKE THEIR COMMENTS TO HEART.** The company is only involved to make money. We are the ones who lose our health and quality of life and most of us don't have the resources to move away and start over. I urge you to consider the following:

- Not refer to the Generic EIS when it analyzes impacts of Strata's project.
- Consider that the proposed ISL area has over 5,000 abandoned drill holes from the early days of uranium exploration. Some of these wells were likely improperly plugged and abandoned which means they can connect the aquifers and may cause cross contamination to aquifers which provide water for drinking and livestock.
- Consider that the proposed ISL process has an extremely high consumptive use of water, which has the potential to draw down the aquifers that provide drinking water and water for livestock.
- Consider the track record of spills, excursions, pond leaks, and failed aquifer restoration at previous uranium mines in Wyoming, Nebraska, and Texas. To date, not a single uranium project has fully restored an aquifer to pre-mining water quality.
- Minimize light pollution and other industrial impacts to landowners in the Oshoto area and to Devil's Tower National Monument.
- Minimize impacts to livestock grazing and recreation in the area.
- Minimize impacts from truck traffic, dust, and noise.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this most urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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