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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.

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:

There are over 5000 existing exploratory holes in the potential mine area. Were these holes properly plugged and what are the implications of so many old exploratory holes in the mining area? This I do not believe would be considered a common area due to so many old exploratory holes. The possible problems involved with so many old exploration holes should be studied in detail prior to any permitting.

Our county can barely maintain the roads we now have. The added traffic due to Uranium mining in this area would defiantly have a negative impact on the area. This should be researched and reviewed prior to any permitting.

Due to all of the industry working in this area we have to ask what are the combined effects on the area. There is a great potential for depletion of existing water wells in the area due to so many industries working in the same area. The combined traffic will have ill effects on the roads.

The proposed mining area is a unique environment due to the location of the reservoir. What will be the impacts on wildlife in this area due to uranium mining?

The Generic Environmental Impact Statement is not correct for our unique area and a full EIS should be performed in this area. Please help us to maintain our standard of living in this area.

Thank you.
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