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From: Stanton, Irene
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2010 1:07 PM
To: Bell, Deb
Subject: FW: Public comment re: uranium mining in CO

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Dear Members of the Mined Land Reclamation Board,

I attended the public comment session at the Embassy Suites Hotel on April 15 but was unable to stay for the evening part in order to share my comments so Irene Stanton gave me an email address for written comments.

I am a homemaker, having lived in Loveland for over 30 years. My husband and I have raised two sons and hope to be grandparents some day. It is for our sons and grandchildren and other people's children and grandchildren that I am writing this...

I am astounded that ANY kind of uranium mining is being considered so close to a population center of 300,000 people! I am unconvinced that it can be done safely, despite the claims of Powertech. In situ mining is fraught with problems such as spills, leaks and pump failure, which allow the spread of contaminants. Such mining techniques can alter Ph levels of water for the worse, as well as oxygen levels. Powertech does NOT have a good safety record and it seems unrealistic that they can be adequately monitored to comply with the rules. Why in heavens name are we willing to compromise water quality of such a huge aquifer as the Laramie-Fox Hills Aquifer, which covers 7,000 square miles along the front range and includes 33,700 recorded wells, from Wyoming to Colorado Springs?! What are we thinking of?! Would YOU want this being done in your backyard?! Please do what you can to discourage Powertech from mining radioactive materials at all so close to populated areas as they are proposing.

I understand that Powertech would like to do open pit mining in the southern portion of their mining area, the area closest to Ft. Collins and Greeley. Please, please do not allow this at all. When this has been done near populated areas there has been a 1,500% increase in testicular cancer in children, 500% increase in bone cancer, and a 200% increase in leukemia and genetic abnormalities. The doctors' Medical Association of my area (I'm in the Loveland/Ft. Collins area) is on record as opposing this whole uranium mining endeavor. They know better than to allow such a thing near population centers! They see first hand the pain and suffering that cancer brings. One does not have to live in Colorado long (and the last week is a prime example) to know how dry and windy it can be. With uranium being disturbed near populated areas there will be the inevitable drift of uranium dust to where people can breathe it. Seniors and children are especially vulnerable to the effects of radiation. There is good reason to be fearful of uranium, which takes 4 and ½ BILLION YEARS to finish releasing its radiation, at which time it becomes lead.

I realize that Powertech is proposing flooding the areas that they would like to mine open pit style (to quell fears about uranium dust blowing around). I am NOT pacified by this proposal. Please do not allow ANY uranium mining in the Nunn area and Weld County. It would be a nightmare come true if it is allowed to proceed. The life quality of this very desirable area would be VERY compromised including the prospect that down the road we will be seeing the inevitable uptick in cancers, especially in children and seniors. Please, please stop this very real threat from proceeding.

At the very least please DO NOT allow Powertech to undermine the very clear language of HB-1161 by weakening its proposed rules for implementing the legislation. Please inform the public as to your decisions. Our life quality is very much at stake here.

Thank you, Mary Ligon
Loveland, Colorado

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From: Stanton, Irene
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2010 1:08 PM
To: Bell, Deb
Subject: FW: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

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From:
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2010 3:50 PM
To: Stanton, Irene
Subject: Re: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

Dear members of the Mined Land Reclamation Board:

I am writing to you today in support of protecting our water and our lands from the impacts of uranium mining and to ensure that the public is heard on issues of mine prospecting.

The final rules for House Bill 08-1161 and Senate Bill 08-228 should adhere to the following principles:

*Uranium companies should be held accountable for cleaning up their mess and returning groundwater quality to its original state that existed before any mining or mine prospecting took place.

*All uranium companies should play by the rules as a "designated mining operation" and submit environmental plans to minimize the impacts of toxic uranium pollution on our land, water and communities.

*The public, local governments, and other stakeholders must be notified about mine prospecting activities and have the right to submit comments on proposed prospecting permits.

*The public and stakeholders should have the ability to appeal mine prospecting permit decisions to ensure that the environment and public health are protected in those decisions.

Very sincerely,

Tony Franco

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From: Stanton, Irene
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 2:14 PM
To: Bell, Deb
Subject: FW: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 9:21 AM
To: Stanton, Irene
Subject: Re: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

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Carla Rowton