

Stanton, Irene

Subject: FW: Adopt strong uranium mining rules to protect Colorado's water

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From: On Behalf Of Karel Hadacek

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 12:23 AM

To: Stanton, Irene

Subject: Adopt strong uranium mining rules to protect Colorado's water

Feb 28, 2010

Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board members

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215

Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mined Land Reclamation Board members,

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Sincerely,

Ms. Karel Hadacek

Stanton, Irene

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From: On Behalf Of Petra Andrade

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 11:24 AM

To: Stanton, Irene

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Petra Andrade

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From: On Behalf Of Lynn Wilsey

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Mr. Lynn Wilsey

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From: On Behalf Of Roberta Smith

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From: On Behalf Of Ania Serafin
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 9:24 AM
To: Stanton, Irene
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Ania Serafin

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From: On Behalf Of Jennifer DeLeeuw Lindquist

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 1:24 PM

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From: On Behalf Of blake Nicholoff

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 1:54 PM

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Mrs. Jan Painter

Stanton, Irene

Subject: FW: DRMS Rulemaking

From: Jim and Kris Bartuska **Sent:** Sunday, February 28, 2010 3:42 PM

To: Stanton, Irene

Subject: DRMS Rulemaking

February 28, 2010

Irene Stanton
Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board
1313 Sherman St., Room #215
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Mrs. Stanton:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) is drafting rules (Rules) to the Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board) for Hard Rock, Metal and Designated Mining Operations. The DRMS and the Board should be careful that these Rules do not impose unreasonable requirements on mining operators in Colorado. To do so would violate the spirit of Colorado public policy and further drive our economy into recession. We need practical and common sense Rules.

To change the statute's language from covering "affected water" to "potentially affected water" is not practical. We know that mining opponents will seize upon this word and litigate it with the intent of making *all* water fall within the "potentially" standard. Simply remove the word "potentially" and any, and all, affected water will be protected.

It seems you are implementing a very broad "blackball" provision that will unduly prevent people from gainful employment in our state. This provision should be removed altogether, but at a minimum it should only remove a person from our workforce after proof of actual harm to a person.

The bonding provision that would require a prospector to submit a bond that covers future mining activities makes no sense. The bond only needs to cover the prospecting activities. I was quite surprised the draft Rules had this as a starting point for public discussion.

Were these draft Rules written with a complete disregard for 100 years of mining law in Colorado? I hope common sense prevails and the DRMS does not become a puppet of, supposed, environmental groups.

Sincerely,
Jim Bartuska

Stanton, Irene

Subject: FW: Subject Line: SB08-228 rulemaking

From: David Gray
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 4:53 PM
To: Stanton, Irene
Subject: Subject Line: SB08-228 rulemaking

Dear Members of the Mined Land Reclamation Board:

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

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

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

Please ensure that the public's right to know about mine proposals, to comment on their potential impacts and to appeal mine decisions is clarified in the Hardrock Mining rules.

Very sincerely,

David Gray & Carolyn Blanchard

Stanton, Irene

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From: On Behalf Of Amy Sarno

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 5:25 PM

To: Stanton, Irene

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Sincerely,

Ms. Amy Sarno

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From: On Behalf Of Diana Desmarais

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 6:25 PM

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From: On Behalf Of Diane Brower

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From: On Behalf Of Michael Johnson

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Mr. Michael Johnson

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From: On Behalf Of Lyn McCormick

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 7:17 PM

To: Stanton, Irene

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Mined Land Reclamation Board

Dear 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 has taken place.

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

- * The public, local governments, and other stakeholders must be

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Sincerely,

Lyn McCormick

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From: On Behalf Of Cynthia Molinero

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Ms. Cynthia Molinero

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Colorado HB 08-1161 was passed in 2008 to establish the groundwater restoration standards that uranium-mining companies must meet before they are allowed to do in-situ leach uranium mining in the state of Colorado. THE MLRB Rules should abide by these strict standards to prevent the contamination of groundwater and not allow the mining industry to weaken groundwater protection standards for in-situ leach mines. The rules need to adhere to the letter and spirit of the law that holds uranium-mining companies accountable to restore the groundwater to the original condition. The industrys attempt to allow changes to the established baseline characterization after mining activity begins should be rejected. Such a process would allow the groundwater standards to be changed and lowered, even after mining begins. Restoration standards should be clear and established up front, and not allowed to be changed as mining progresses.

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Sincerely,

Daryl and Cynthia Burkhart

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Meadowlark Ranch & Cattle Company, LLC.

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Wellington, CO 80549
(970) 223-1045

Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board
Attn: Irene Stanton
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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Dear Ms. Stanton:

Our letter is in response to the request for public comments on the proposed MLRB Rules on uranium mining.

We are Red Angus cattle seed stock producers and natural beef growers; our ranch is approximately one mile southeast of a potential in-situ mining operation proposed by Powertech Uranium Corporation. It is essential that rules adhere to the letter and spirit of HB 08 1161 and SB 08-228. We have already observed changes in our groundwater quality just from the exploration process!

Our first water test was conducted by CSU in March 2007, before any activity was conducted by the uranium mining company, Powertech Uranium Corporation; we had high quality water with that contained a little sulfur. After hearing that Powertech Uranium Corporation would be conducting uranium exploration activities (including pump tests) in our area, we immediately began to request that Powertech share information on what they proposed. They hid under their veil of secrecy and told us that they were not obligated to tell us of their activities. We began a quarterly testing protocol and tested in May 2007, October 2007, February 2008, May 2008, September 2008, January 2009, and May 2009. Over the almost 2 ½ years of testing, we have observed changes in specific elements within our water, including iron, sulfate, sulfur and manganese, as well as critical changes in alpha and beta radionuclides. Trend line results (attached) show a gradual increase in these elements and radionuclides from May 2007 to May 2009.

In particular, we saw spikes in **Iron** from **.01** in May 2007 to **.81** on February 2008; **Sulfate** from **130** in September 2008 to **380** in January 2009; **Sulfur** from **42** in September 2008 to **170** in January 2009. **Gross alpha** went from **less than 3 picocuries** on 05/27/08 to **19 picocuries** on 09/18/08. Since we have tested during similar time periods, it is our belief the exploration activities conducted within the aquifer dramatically and negatively impacted our water quality by mobilizing contaminants. First, Powertech should be responsible for reclamation of the damage they have already caused to our groundwater. Second, we should have had a chance to express our concerns in a formal public hearing and to hear what was being proposed for exploration activities. Additionally, it is clear that the one-sided development of the critical baseline groundwater characterization conducted by the uranium mining companies is flawed. Powertech initially told a group of concerned citizens that the water in the aquifer moved about 2 feet per year. It is our belief that this aquifer is much more porous than Powertech lets on.

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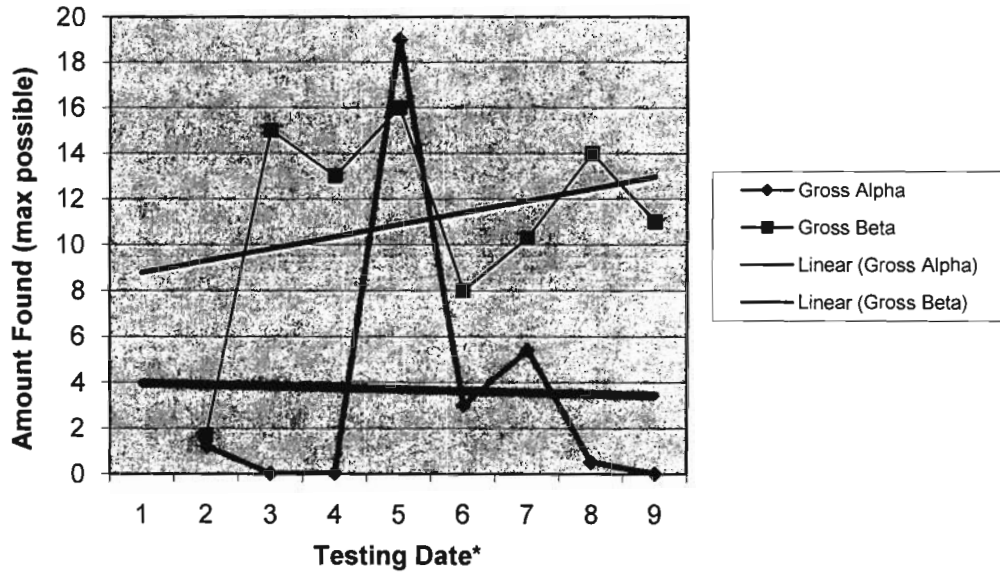
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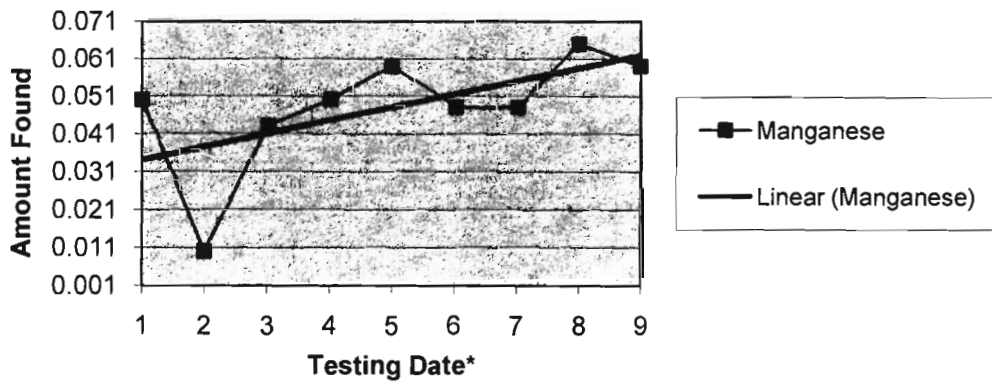
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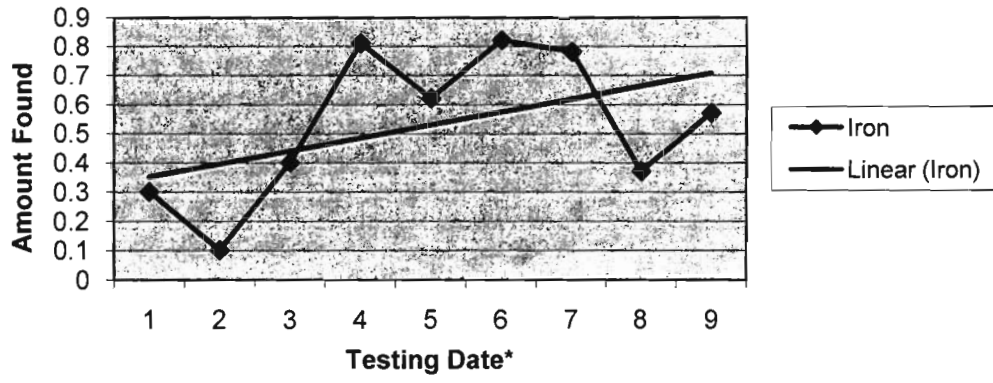
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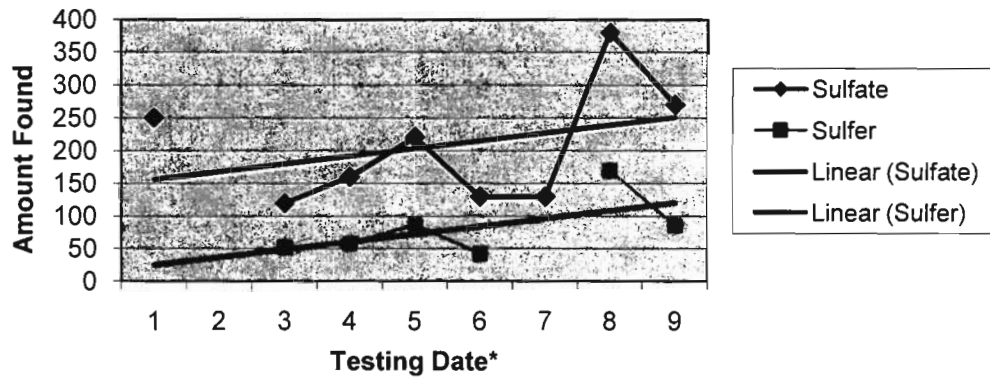
Changes in Manganese Over Time



Changes in Iron Over Time



Sulfate and Sulfer Changes Over Time



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NOTES

*03/30/07 is not shown because it is from CSU lab
 Spring/Summer 08--A lot of PT activity

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From: On Behalf Of Madeleine Adkins

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 8:55 PM

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Ms. Madeleine Adkins

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From: On Behalf Of Wynona Van Winkle

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 9:25 PM

To: Stanton, Irene

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