

**Stanton, Irene**

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**Subject:** FW: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

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

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 2:55 AM

To: Stanton, Irene

Subject: Re: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

Dear members of the Mined Land Reclamation Board:

As the friend of a landowner in Canon City, 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.

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Very sincerely,

Gwen Apfel

**Stanton, Irene**

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

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 8:30 AM

To: Stanton, Irene

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

Mar 9, 2010

Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board members  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mined Land Reclamation Board members,

I urge the board to adopt rules that ensure the strongest environmental and public health protection of groundwater quality from uranium mining operations and to ensure full public involvement and transparency at all stages of mining development.

Protecting our water quality is critical for Colorado's environmental and economic health. Taking the lead among states, in 2008 Colorado established strong groundwater restoration standards for uranium mining; these standards are set according to the baseline groundwater characterization of an aquifer affected by mining.

The Mined Land Reclamation Board rules should accurately reflect the spirit and letter of these requirements, and ensure that the baseline and the resulting groundwater restoration standards are clearly defined prior to any mine exploration, prospecting or development. Further, once the pre-mining baseline site characterization is established, the rules should preclude changes to that baseline once exploration or mineral development activity begins. Lastly, the rules should confirm the requirement in the law that all uranium mining operations abide by the protective "designated mining operation" standards enacted after the Summitville Mine disaster for operations with potential to threaten local water quality.

I also urge the board to adopt rules that expressly provide the affected public and local governments the opportunity both to submit comments and to seek administrative review of prospecting approvals.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kim powanda

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

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From: On Behalf Of Maya Kurtz

Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 10:00 AM

To: Stanton, Irene

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Sincerely,

Ms. Maya Kurtz

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 10:56 AM

To: Stanton, Irene

Subject: Re: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

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Very sincerely,

Rob Van Hyfte

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 7:05 AM

To: Stanton, Irene

Subject: Re: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

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Very sincerely,

John Davis

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 10:15 AM

To: Stanton, Irene

Subject: Re: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

Dear members of the Mined Land Reclamation Board:

I am writing to express my concerns over clean groundwater.

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I am 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.

Very sincerely,

Ann Peden

**Stanton, Irene**

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**Subject:** FW: Protect our water and our lands from the impacts of uranium mining

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

From: Site Administrator [mailto:info@cecenviro.org] On Behalf Of Brent Unrau-Goring

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 10:53 AM

To: Stanton, Irene

Subject: Protect our water and our lands from the impacts of uranium mining

Mar 10, 2010

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.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Brent Unrau-Goring

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**Subject:** FW: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 12:05 PM

To: Stanton, Irene

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SnowOwl Sor-Lokken

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Mar 10, 2010

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Denver, CO 80203

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Sincerely,

Ms. Betsy Nissen

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 3:56 PM

To: Stanton, Irene

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Very sincerely,

Mary Brooke Sunderland

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From: Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 7:10 PM

To: Stanton, Irene

Subject: Re: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

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Very sincerely,

Melissa Kyer

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**Subject:** FW: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

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From:  
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 11:11 PM  
To: Stanton, Irene  
Subject: Re: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

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Very sincerely,

Timothy Webb

**Stanton, Irene**

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

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

From: On Behalf Of Jacqueline Weller

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 11:38 PM

To: Stanton, Irene

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

Mar 11, 2010

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Denver, CO 80203

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Sincerely,

Ms. Jacqueline Weller

**Stanton, Irene**

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**Subject:** FW: DRMS Rulemaking

From: Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 12:43 PM  
To: Stanton, Irene  
Subject: DRMS Rulemaking

Feb. 19, 2010

Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203  
Attn// Irene Stanton

Amendments to the Mineral Rules and Regulations

To Whom It May Concern:

I have a few issues with the proposed amendments for mineral rules and regulations in Colorado. I believe the following sections may make mining in Colorado unattractive to investment, costing us jobs, tax revenues, and needed minerals.

First, while I agree with the sentiment behind the "bad actors" rules, I think the proposed rules go about it in the wrong way. The rule, as written, is overly broad and vague. It could easily be applied to minor technical violations which pose no threat to public health or the environment. The bottom line is that technical violations occur sometimes, whether it be filing improper paperwork, an employee not following a safety rule, or even a small spill. These need to be addressed, of course. But, we should not disqualify good companies from operating in Colorado because of these. This rule will completely shut down mining in Colorado if individuals are subjected to this kind of liability. Why would they operate here? I suggest you narrow this rule and only have it apply to habitual violators that have a series of serious violations impacting public or worker health.

Second, the proposed rules will require companies to post financial sureties for any "potential" mining activities. This, too, is overly broad. You are asking companies to warranty future, undetermined activities they may not even engage in. If that potential activity ever occurs, you should require the surety at that time. However, sureties should only be maintained for activities the operator is currently engaged in under their permit.

It is fairly clear to me that several of the proposed rules are directed at discouraging mining in Colorado. This is an unrealistic expectation. Rules and regulations need to recognize costs, benefits, incentives, and deterrents. Companies and people respond to these. We need to protect the environment and public health to the greatest extent possible. But, we also need hardrock minerals. We can strike an appropriate balance.

Sincerely,  
Michael D. Elder

**Stanton, Irene**

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**Subject:** FW: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

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From: jaedison@peacemail.com [mailto:jaedison@peacemail.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 1:46 PM

To: Stanton, Irene

Subject: Re: HB08-1161 & SB08-228 rulemaking

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Very sincerely,

Jill Edison

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Bert Perry

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Melissa Russo

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Tamra Gutshall