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The very idea of a generic environmental impact statement on so risky and insufficiently tested an activity as <u>in situ</u> uranium mining is absurd, if not criminal (and clearly the product of negarious pressure from the uranium and atomic energy companies). IT IS NECESSARY TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT ON EACH SITE FOR WHICH SUCH MINING IS PROPOSED WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DAMAGE THAT WOULD OCCUR TO SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES WHO DEPEND ON THE ACQUIFERS TARGETED IF THE WATER IS IRREMEDIABLY CONTAMINATED BY THE <u>IN SITU</u> METHOD OF EXTRACTION. No one knows if the water contaminated by such mining can actually be purified--and any testing must be made in such a way that important sources of water not be made unusable forever if the cleansing methods fail. SHAME ON THE NRC FOR EVEN CONSIDERING A GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

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