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Dear Mr. Park

As I write this email, there is a uranium company called Bayswater Uranium who is test drilling within three miles of my property and water well, here in Crook County Wyoming. This drilling is also within 5 miles of over 60+ property owners, and within 8 miles of the town of Hulett Wyoming. They have not notified the NRC of intent to apply for permit yet, but their news releases indicate that it is extremely likely that they will be asking for a permit for ISL of uranium in the near future.

What I am writing about is the public comment schedule of meetings for the GEIS for in situ leaching of uranium. The other night my husband and I had to travel 170 miles round trip at the cost of over \$50 in fuel, just to attend a meeting in which we could learn about the GEIS, ask questions, and make comments. Considering it was a week night, and considering that the people of our county who will be impacted by this would all have to travel 150-250 miles roundtrip, and considering that the meeting did not end until after 9:30 PM, you can well imagine that only a handful of concerned people were able to make this meeting.

There is another company called Powertech, that is also exploring in our county and will soon file for a permit for ISL of uranium. This process stands to have a huge negative impact on our county, yet there was not a single meeting scheduled within our county. NRC plans to implement a GEIS for a process that could have a tremendously negative impact on our residents through loss of grazing rights, depletion of water, contamination of water, loss of property values, threat to our health, threat to wildlife, loss of revenue from hunting and tourism, and a complete destruction of the wonderful quality of life that is the reason many of us live here in the first place.

I find it unacceptable that the NRC is causing the attendance at these meetings to be a burden on the residents of this county, by requiring hours of driving in the late hours of the evening as well as the cost of fuel to get there. If we are going to be lumped into a GEIS, then the NRC should have the courtesy to provide a meeting time and location that is convenient for the residents of a county that stands to lose so much from their decision to implement this document.

Sincerely
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