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Dear Mr. Park,

I am writing to you to ask that the NRC follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to the letter and conduct individual environmental impact statements for all proposed in situ uranium mines. The people of the potentially impacted areas and communities deserve the respect and individual attention the NRC should be giving when considering something as potentially dangerous as an in situ uranium mine.

There is no one size fits all approach to uranium mining across the country and the NRC should be conducting individual assessments of the areas to make sure the environmental risks are taken into consideration. A GEIS will not spotlight potential problems in any of the proposed areas and could lead to devastating impacts on the environment, ecosystems and communities in each area of a proposed uranium mine, such as contamination of ground water, location proximate to Native lands and aquifers, and safe disposal of the leach wastewater which is chemically contaminated, as well as possibly radioactive to some degree.

Finally, the generic EIS approach would greatly limit the public's ability to comment, which is their right by law. This appears to be yet another in a long line of Bush Administration attempts to circumvent and/or destroy any and all environmental safeguards and the public's ability to respond to government proposals to "lease" commercial development of mineral rights on national land to businesses without the people's consent! I should think the recent election turnout and results would have convinced you that the American people want to participate more in the decision making process - not lose more of their rights to comment!

Thank you,

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