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Dear Mr. Park,
[Although depicted as a benign process with virtually no risk to drinking water, in-situ leaching has a reputation outside the uranium and nuclear industries as a dirty process with potentially great public hazards.

Major problems involve: leaching chemicals that invade freshwater; high accumulations of radium and radon; the dissolving not only of uranium but also of other radioactive materials and heavy metals, such as radium, lead and cadmium; disposing of wastewater and guarding for leaks; and the practice of diluting wastewater with clean water and injecting it into the aquifer.

Would anyone in his or her right mind drink that?] (Taken from op-ed in the Albuquerque Tribune)

I am writing to you to ask that the NRC follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 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 the area.

Thank you,

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