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Permit for drilling test holes
could endanger drinking water

Powertech Uranium Mining Company of Colorado has applied to the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources for a permit to drill 30 test holes in the Lakota and Fall River formations, 13 miles northwest of Edgemont in an area drained by the Cheyenne River. While the permit authorizes only exploratory activities, their test drilling may pollute aquifers which provide drinking water in the area.

Several of South Dakota's aquifers and streams were contaminated by uranium exploration 30 years ago in the area surrounding the Black Hills. Higher incidences of cancer in the Cave Hills area are evidence of the dangerous consequences of radiation that results from uranium mining. The protection of our people and environment, not the short-term profits of out-of-state corporations should be the primary consideration of our taxpayer-funded DENR.

On Nov. 19 at the Joe Foss Building in Pierre, the South Dakota Board of Minerals and Environment will hear from citizens who filed written comments about the permit application. Meanwhile, we can voice our opposition to uranium exploration in South Dakota. Instead of welcoming uranium mining companies like Powertech, our state government should think of the long-term future and provide us incentives for the development of abundant, safe and renewable wind and solar power.

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Ruled Government is Corrupt. State Gov't
are Bunches Corrupt, Greedy
People*

To, Whom it May Concern
You Cant Eat Money
This, Uranium Mining, going
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