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RE: Nichols Ranch Project proposed by Uranerz Energy Corporation Campbell and Johnson Counties Wyoming
Docket Number NRC-2008-0339

Thank you for the opportunity to submit concerns and comments on the Nichols Ranch ISL Project. I appreciate the opportunity to be involved in this critical matter.

I am adamantly opposed to granting a permit to Nichols Ranch ISL of uranium site.

The state of Wyoming has ISL uranium sites that are currently operating, and all of them have a long history of leaks, spills, and excursions. They all waste millions of gallons of water in the processing phase, and millions more in the reclamation phase. To date, no site has been able to accomplish restoration of the water to baseline values, without lowering the standards for allowable limits.

These current sites have clearly been unable to prove that this process can be completed successfully. By successfully, I do not mean profitably...I mean operating without contaminating and depleting the aquifers, and with complete restoration of aquifers to baseline values.

The current ISL sites may have been operating for years, but they are still in a research and development stage, as they cannot remediate the problems that continue to occur with the process and the restoration. The NRC should not continue to hand out permits for an unproven process that depletes and contaminates groundwater.

There also have not been any studies to show what the cumulative effects of these sites, side by side, throughout an enormous area will be. It does not make sense to take a process that clearly does not work, and continue to add more sites and enlarge the mining area.

Wyoming has enough water problems due to past oil drilling, coal bed methane, and drought. The people of our state will not be able to maintain the quality of life we now have, nor will we be able to continue supporting ourselves with ranching, farming, tourism, hunting, and many other occupations without a clean and abundant supply of water. Please do not throw away the future of all those who live in the state for the economic gain of the uranium companies.

Please do not grant a permit for this site until all past problems with the daily processing of these sites, as well as the restoration have been resolved.

Sincerely
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