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Thank you for the opportunity to submit concerns and comments on the Nichols Ranch ISL Project.

I am greatly opposed to granting a permit to the Nichols Ranch Project uranium site. I believe it would be a great injustice to the people of Wyoming to grant this permit.

In our state we currently have several ISL uranium sites in operation, all of them with a history of leaks, spills and excursions. These sites are in production but seem to be more experimental in nature, they are developing their procedures while in production. The huge waste of water alone should be considered a significant impact on our state. None of these sites have been able to meet restoration dates nor are they able to return the aquifer to baseline conditions. Restoration has only been accomplished by the lowering of standards.

These current sites have clearly been unable to prove that this process can be completed successfully and safely. We do not know at this time what the long term effects of these sites will be on our environment.

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. The current sites should be studied and proven prior to any more permits being approved.

Wyoming is an arid state with a heavy draw on underground water due to other industries and does not need another water intensive industry contaminating and depleting the aquifers.

As a citizen of Wyoming I am absolutely opposed to the granting of this permit and would request that the NRC not grant the permit to :

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