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From: Kyle McGaa <kylemcgaa@gmail.com>
To: Bladey, Cindy
Sent: Thu Jan 10 15:44:30 2013
Subject: Proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium mining project opposition comment

Dear Cindy Bladey,

I am writing in firm opposition of the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium mining project in South Dakota. This proposal has not been given due diligence in notifying and consulting South Dakotans who will most directly be affected by the potentially horrifying environmental and health consequences associated with the uranium mining industry in general, and this proposal in particular.

Further, this proposal concerns national security by putting ground water of the region's largest city (Rapid City is the largest city in an area the size of Texas) in jeopardy and in the hands of a foreign company that has no roots where it is conducting business.

It has also been brought to my attention that the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council has not been given sufficient time to make a proper environmental impact assessment. This is a violation of human rights, personal and tribal property, and EPA regulations against South Dakotans, Oglala Lakotans, and Americans by disregarding their respective rights to make decisions over their sovereign, personal, and common lands.

Adequate environmental and safety due diligence has not been forthcoming by the powers that be for such a hazardous undertaking, and I implore you too halt any further business regarding this proposal until the public at large and their governments are consulted and deliberated with as citizens in a participatory democratic society. This proposal affects the people of South Dakota (Tribal and Non-Tribal alike), and it is their right (not a Canadian business') to determine their own fate regarding this proposal, and that right has been usurped.

Finally, the Black Hills are not legally the United State's to sell, as they do not own the Black Hills, nor is their any legal grounds for them to do so (The Great Sioux Nation spared US soldiers and settlers lives by making treaties where the Sioux retained the Black Hills and American descendents still live to this day). Honor the lives of thousands of descendents who are alive because of those treaties (both Indian and American alike) if you cannot honor the legally binding principals of US treaties themselves.

I speak as an individual, but I am an Oglala Sioux Tribal Member (Enrollment #U-39639).

Thank you,
Kyle McGaa

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