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I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Strata Energy Ross project Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. I live in Crook County, within 10 miles of the proposed Ross ISL site, and am extremely concerned about the potential negative impacts from this project. Over the past five years, I have studied and researched the ISL uranium mining process, both at past and current sites throughout Wyoming, Nebraska, and Texas. I have also reviewed many of the annual reports from the currently operating ISL sites in Wyoming, as well as the WDEQ reports of violations and other issues. As a result of this research, I have become extremely concerned about Strata Energy's proposed ISL project and its probable impacts to our land, water, air, and other interests.

One main concern I have with the Draft EIS is that it tiers heavily off the Generic EIS that covers an enormous geological area of the western US. Requiring only a submission of a supplemental EIS for the Ross project has greatly over simplified the analysis of impacts to water, land, and wildlife from uranium mining in Crook County. The NRC should not refer to the Generic EIS when analyzing the impacts to a unique population and resources of a community.

Rather than speak to each area of impact specifically, I have a general statement to make concerning the overall document. Throughout its entirety, the Draft EIS determines numerous impacts to water, air, soil, etc. as "Moderate to Large". Then, by some type of twisted logic, reduces the majority of these impacts to an end result of "Small". Most of this "reasoning" is based on constantly repeating the statement that Strata Energy will reduce these impacts through use of Best Management Practices (BMP). To begin with, I find it unacceptable to constantly refer to BMP, without speaking to any specifics of what will be done and when. Unfortunately, the worst part is that current ISL sites in several states are practicing BMP as well; yet, there is a history of leaks, spills, and excursions lasting up to as long as seven years. BMP are in place, yet no ISL site has been able to restore the ground water to baseline quality, as of this time. It seems to me that the NRC and the WDEQ need to take a look at these "so called" Best practices, and realize that these are not the "best" and need to be improved. And, if they cannot be improved, then these sites should not be allowed to continue, because apparently the best practices are not protecting the public or the environment.

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