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Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Ross In-Situ Uranium Recovery Project in Crook County, Wyoming

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General Comment

Dear Ms. Bladey,

As ranchers and landowners with in 3.5 miles of the proposed Ross ISL Project, my family and I have serious concerns about the conclusions of the DEIS, and believe that it is flawed.

This document states that the water resource impacts are small to moderate. Their logic is apparently that this site will do things differently that the other sites around the country, because we know from reading the reports to the Wyoming DEQ that there have been many excursions, spills, leaks, and contaminating incidents at all of the ISL sites in Wyoming. In addition, this site is even more likely to have problems because of the thousands of old drill holes in the area, of which only a small portion have been plugged. Will all the old well holes be plugged? Does the NRC have adequate staff, in the area, who will follow up on this? This is one reason that there must be a site specific EIS.

Also, just how large is this project going to be? The estimated size seems to vary throughout the DEIS, so were the impacts considered small because the small number of wells was used to calculate the impacts? Is the Lance Project included in the consideration of impacts?

We know that ISL mining consumes millions of gallons of water, continuously over many years. With that in mind, we are concerned about this project dropping the water table in the area. We depend on an artesian well on our property to water our livestock. With the severe drought of the last few years, this water is even more

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valuable. We do not see how the impact of the consumption of this much water could be labeled as small. Has this site been studied sufficiently to make that determination? We don't think so, and believe a site specific EIS is imperative.

We believe that the NRC must address these issues by stepping back, reconsidering this project, and not relying on the GEIS when considering impacts in this unique area. A new SEIS is in order.

Sincerely,
Wilma Tope and Family