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Dear Chairman Allison M. Macfarlane

I am concerned that the in-situ uranium mining proposed in the southern Black Hills of South Dakota isn't being handled right by your agency. The environmental impact statement is incomplete as it hasn't included the elements required by the National Historic Preservation Act. Additionally, with several in-situ mines already in operation, environmental incidents at those locations haven't been considered and should be. We should be learning from past mistakes. Instead, we allow these companies to press ahead with risky operations that are known to cause damage to underground water supplies to include those in use now and possible future ones.

I encourage the NRC staff to consult with tribal governments as required by the National Historic Preservation Act. I also want your agency to review the SEIS taking into consideration independent scientific research that is available. The geology surrounding the Black Hills presents non-typical formations and therefore requires careful considerations. Also, several potable water aquifers are recharged by the unique characteristics of the "Hills". In-situ mining in the vicinity of the Black Hills formations poses a great risk to the water supplies of most towns and cities in the western part of South Dakota and eastern Wyoming.

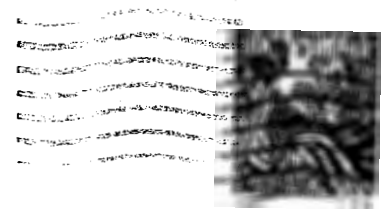
I appreciate your help regarding these issues.

Sincerely,

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