

## StrataRossLAPem Resource

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014 12:51 PM  
**To:** 'dakotagipsy@goldenwest.net'  
**Cc:** Moore, Johari; StrataRossLA Resource  
**Subject:** FW: Insitu Mining

Ms. Baker:

My name is John Saxton. I am the Project Manager in the licensing Branch at NRC for the Ross in situ uranium recovery project in Crook County, Wyoming. I was asked to respond to your email to Johari Moore, the Project Manager in the Environmental Review Branch at NRC for this project.

The NRC recently issued the final environmental impact statement for the Ross project. The NRC previously issued a draft environmental impact statement as well as a safety evaluation report. This project will not be approved until the NRC issues a license, which is tentatively scheduled to occur in early April. NRC staff as well as State staff scrutinize an application for such projects on its technical merits, and once a project is approved and in operation, provide oversight in a form of compliance monitoring to ensure that the portion of the aquifer that is impacted remains as limited in extent as originally proposed and ultimately restored to its original condition as best as possibly can be achieved.

In response to your specific concern, the Ross project will not affect the water quality or quantity in the Madison Aquifer. The Ross operations will be limited to a specific portion of the Lance Aquifer in Crook County, Wyoming, which is distinct from the Madison Aquifer by a substantial thickness of impermeable rocks. Please note that the Ross project is currently proceeding through an adjudicatory hearing process before the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. If you would like to have your views considered by the Board overseeing the hearing, you have the right to file a limited appearance statement. The limited appearance statement can be written and submitted to the NRC through a dedicated process or given orally to the Board at the hearing. The hearing on this project is tentatively scheduled to be held in Sundance, Wyoming in late September/early October, though the exact details are not yet set. When the hearing is scheduled, the NRC will issue a public notice, which will provide details about making a limited appearance statement.

I trust this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

John Saxton

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Subject: Insitu Mining

To Whom This May Concern,

It is my understanding that you have just approved an insitu mine in Crook County, Wyoming. Which aquifer will they be using millions of gallons from? The mine at Christianson Ranch started in 1978 and in four short years towns that had never needed the Madison aquifer were using over 40%. That's huge!! Why are you allowing our aquifers to be destroyed?

Jerri Baker

Hot Springs, South Dakota

A Madison Aquifer drinker (presently)

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