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Dear NRC Staff:

I am forwarding a friend's letter to be submitted into the record of Docket # 40-9075-MLA.

Thank you.

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From the Desk of Kevin J. Weiland, MD FACP

To whom it may concern

My name is Dr. Kevin J. Weiland, an internist and have been practicing medicine in the Black Hills for over 16 years.

I have worked with several non-profit organizations such as the Tobacco Free Kids Network and was on the Leadership Council for the American Cancer Society. I am on the Board of the South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care and am a professor for the Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota. Additionally, I am an active member of my states Medical Society.

I have campaigned for clean air and helped pass a ballot initiative, banning second hand smoke in public places. I was please to see the South Dakota State Medical Association support clean water as they did with clean air and passed a resolution opposing uranium mining in the Black Hills.

We should never let an unproven industry use a technique such as in-situ-leaching as the real possibility of underground water-supply contamination with radionuclide's and other heavy metals exists. Powertech claims of safety are not proven; just as the claims from the Asbestos industry did, touting jobs and safety of their product they mined several decades ago. We are still seeing the after affects of an unproven product (Asbestos) affecting patients decades after this industry was shut down.

Should uranium mining in the Black Hills by in-situ-leach ensue, we may see a few jobs today, but my fear is that it will provide job security for the people in my profession for years to come.

Kevin J. Weiland