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In the matter of Crow Butte Resources Inc.  
License Renewal for the In Situ Leach Facility, Crawford Nebraska

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Please consider this as my written comment statement to this matter.

My name is Blair E. Brennan. I live in Chadron, NE. Chadron is in Dawes county, the same county as the Crow Butte ISL mine. Chadron is just 24 miles from the mine. I have lived here since 1980.

At this time Crow Butte resources ISL mine has had around 75 violations, excursions. They have been documented for spraying contaminated solutions from their holding ponds into the air at the mine site which surely is contaminating the air and soils.

The ground here in this area is sandstone. It crumbles, shifts and settles creating cracks and fissures. It is known that the aquifer and ground water move by ways of these cracks and fissures. So I believe our aquifers and ground water sources are certainly contaminated by Crow Butte resources ISL mining. This is proven by research done by Dr. Hannon LaGarry, who has studied this area for many years. He has testified to this matter in the past. Because of this contamination we community members are at dangerous risk of cancer and other illness. This is researched and is now known by Linsey McLean, who will be testifying during the hearings in Crawford this week. This type of scientific research must be considered during this permit process time. This type of contamination has never been successfully cleaned up and the environment will never be fully restored. This is a huge impact and risk to this area. Cancer rates are exceptionally high now and have been in the past. We count on our government entities such as the EPA and NRC to protect the public from such environmental degradation! Crow Butte resources ISL permit must be revoked and their future expansion must be stopped!!

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