



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

3/8/2016

81FR 12143

2

RECEIVED

2016 FEB 25 PM 4:11

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUNSI Review Complete  
Template = ADM - 013  
E-RIDS = ADM-03

Add= J. Moir-Quintero (JMM7)

April 16, 2016

Cindy Bladley  
Office of Administration  
Mail Stop: OWFN-12 Ho8  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Bladley,

In reference to Docket ID NRC-2011-0148, please do not let any more destruction happen near Devil's Tower in Wyoming. The proposed uranium mining and processing area has 5,000 abandoned drill holes, which could serve as conduits for water contamination from the Strata project. Please re-evaluate the risk that these old drill holes, which are inside and immediately adjacent to Strata's project area, would represent to the sacred lands and the water and all living things.

Further, the proposed mining and processing of uranium would require an extremely high water usage, which would severely deplete water from the aquifers that provide drinking water for people and livestock. In the

Past there have been spills, excursions, pond leaks and failed aquifer restoration at previous uranium mines in Wyoming, Nebraska and Texas and these spills, leaks and excursions of chemicals have negatively impacted the adjacent aquifer. To date, not a single uranium project

over

has fully restored an aquifer to premining water quality and there is no indication that Strata's operations will prevent these impacts.

The overall water quality and quantity from the Strata project, which includes the Ross project and four additional projects in a 20 mile area of the "Lance District" in Crook County, Strata should not be allowed to expand until Powder River Basin Resource Council's appeal for the Ross Project is settled.

Please re-evaluate this proposed uranium project and consider how to minimize the "light" pollution and other industrial impacts to Devil's Tower National Monument and to the property owners in the Oshoto area; how to minimize impacts to livestock grazing and recreation in the area; and how to minimize impacts from truck traffic, dust and noise.

Sincerely,

Jayne Huff

3937 Allison Lane #105  
Springdale, Arkansas  
72762

Phone 479-220-2477

P.S. I want to be sure that you understand how significant this land is near Devil's Tower. It is sacred and has been a place of prayer for American Indians for countless generations.

Please do not destroy this sacred place or the land and waters nearby. NO MORE DESTRUCTION of the Sacred!!!