

United States Senate

October 12, 1983

Respectfully referred to:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Uranium Recovery Field Office
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Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, ~~along with return of the enclosure,~~ will be appreciated by

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Senator Edward Zorinsky
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Dear Senator Zorinsky,

Our home is within a quarter mile of the proposed uranium test site. My family and I, are very concerned about the contamination that some experts say can, and very possibly will, occur as the result of insitu mining here.

The Hydro Fuel Co has never given us any reassurance that this 4th generation farm will not be over exposed to radon gasses and radiation. This could affect our livestock and crops growing nearby also. Now they are

including our property and other
unwilling property owners in this
proposed contamination area.

If the process were safe they
wouldn't need this contamination
area, would they? I've been
close observers of the many
holes they've drilled and roads
they have made. We do not
want to be sacrificed for this
plan. We have listened and
studied this proposal. The
knowledgeable people say that
once water has been polluted
by uranium it can never,
in thousands of years, be
considered safe again.

I have talked to learned
people in Crawford. They feel

A large majority of the people of Crawford are against this uranium drilling. Mr Warner testified at the hearing that the water is flowing toward and right under the town. He knew of 3 families who have their house well into the Chadron formation. Others have livestock and fish dependent on that water. What would radioactive beef do to the cattle industry? This is area of many fault lines above ground. No one can tell where these fault lines run underground. This means the contaminated water can mix with our drinking water wherever a crack allows it to seep through.

The review like to keep
against your assistance in
holding up the water contamination
permit until they (GPO) find a way
else into uranium mining) can
guarantee purity of our water
and air. The water
Dept of Environmental Protection will
be making a decision on it.
The judge after Nov. 1. The judge
will make the recommendation on
the hearings prior to that date.
Edgemont, S. Dak. is an example
of what can happen when certain
isolation by radiation terms, largely
is written there. Our local set.
said he moral, and couldn't all
the have because of that.

This issue needs investigated
before it's too late. Whatever
you can do to help will be
appreciated.

Sincerely.

Harold D. Gibbons

Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbons

There has been a lot of
noise about the letters (Jan)
promoting the mining project.
Not one of the promoters passing
those letters lives within
the contamination area.
Some are employees of the
Co.

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<i>From D. Smith to Sen. Zorinsky</i>							
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