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To: Robinson, Valois [Robinson.Valois@epa.gov]
Subject: Deny Permits for Dewey-Burdock Uranium Mine

Dear EPA,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Underground Injection Control Program's Draft Permits for the Proposed Dewey-Burdock Uranium Mine and Deep Disposal Wells.

I am shocked that you would risk contaminating people's drinking water for the sake of corporate profit. Or rather, I am sadly not shocked because this is the typical level of debased moral thinking that motivates many decisions these days. The proposed mine is in an area that is extremely risky. I urge you to do the moral thing and act to protect the drinking water in South Dakota.

The proposed mine and deep disposal wells are in an area that is documented to have faults, fractures, breccia pipes, and over 7000 old boreholes that have not been properly plugged. It will be impossible to contain mining fluids or waste liquids, and contamination of groundwater resources is very likely.

I am also concerned that adequate oversight of the quality of liquid wastes pumped into the Minnelusa Formation through the proposed deep disposal wells will be inadequate, and groundwater is likely to be contaminated.

A full survey of cultural and historical sites is needed before mining or deep disposal is allowed. Cultural and historical sites must be protected.

The history of uranium mining indicates that uranium mining cannot be done without creating and leaving contamination. Groundwater has never been returned to its original condition at any In-Situ leach uranium mine in the U.S. These permits should not be issued until it can be demonstrated that groundwater resources will be protected.

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