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To: Stanton, Irene; Mike/Laurel Williams
Subject: The final step in a four year project

Good morning Ms. Stanton,

My name is Howard M. Williams. We live half way between Nunn CO and Wellington Co, and about two miles west of the proposed Centennial Project a Powertech uranium mine. I am one of over 90,000 Coloradoans who have signed resolutions against ISL mining in the Larimer Fox Hills aquifer (my well along with nearly 40,000 other rural residents is in this aquifer) , this is one of four aquifers forming the Denver Basin aquifer system and contributes to the "Denver Catchment" where water both surface and ground water is collected and distributed by Denver Water to a half million residents along the front range.

I am also a member of Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction (CARD). I was a contributor to the creation of HB1161 the water protection bill signed into law by Gov Ritter in May of 2008. For years we put on demonstrations warning the public of the dangers of ISL uranium mining in fresh water aquifers. Just recently we discovered that the US Geological Survey has collected data on all of the ISL mines in the US reporting that NONE of them have successfully restored ground water to premining water quality. EVERY ISL mine in the US is contaminated with heavy metals. We need not search further for reasons to deny a permit for any ISL mining operation. This USGS Report on Groundwater restoration 2009-1143,2009,32 at <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2009/1143> (open file) concludes on page 30, "that no in situ recovery operation in the US has ever returned ground water to baseline.

I like approx. 300 other rural residents around the proposed mine site, have our wells tested twice a year. The water from my well is excellent with only a trace of alkali. Colorado is one of 35 states in the US who is projected to have a real water shortage in five years. We have a law that is specifically written to protect us from the pollution history that is ISL mining. The law requires (among other issues)any ISL mining company requesting a permit to operate in Colorado, to show that at least 5 ISL mines in the US have actually restored the ground water to baseline. The USGS report mentioned above states there are none that have done so.

The law HB 1161 passed the Senate by a vote of 32(in favor) to 2, showed over whelming support for the bill. The rules and regulations to uphold the intent of the bill should be easy to create. The citizens of Colorado have spoken thru their representatives loud and clear... NO MORE ISL pollution. I sincerely hope that the MLRB will respond to the Colorado residents with rules and regs that will prevent ISL mining, and support the will of the people.

Regards Howard M Williams

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