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Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board

Attention Irene Stanton

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Denver, Colorado 80203

Ref: Uranium Rules

Ms. Stanton,

I write this letter to offer you a few comments the new uranium mining rules.

- Right now, the rules require an applicant for Conversion to prepare a whole new reclamation permit application, including new baseline characterizations and even a monitoring plan.
- In my opinion, this is unnecessary and duplicative, since the existing permit, baselines and monitoring plan contains the relevant information.
- In my opinion, a simple amendment or update to the existing permit is sufficient.
- There is no need to require companies to prepare expensive and time-consuming reports and applications for Conversion when doing so will not protect one drop of water.
- I recognize that there may be some cases where DRMS determines this is necessary, but this should be the exception to the rule, not the rule itself.

Thank you for your consideration,

Steve Pelletier

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