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The Honorable Dale Klein
Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington D.C., 20555

Dear Dr. Klein,

I write today to express my grave concerns and strong opposition to any effort to degrade water quality standards by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) as it prepares a Generic Environmental Impact Statement for uranium milling facilities.

Many of my constituents have contacted me to express their distress over a proposed in-situ uranium mining site in Weld and Larimer counties. Chief among their concerns is the potential impact this proposed mining could have on our ground water resources in Northern Colorado.

I vehemently oppose any effort by the NRC to usurp the authority of state health departments and the Environmental Protection Agency over water quality. It is my firm conviction that any effort to impose inferior water quality standards by the NRC would undoubtedly impact public health, the environment, and local agriculture. Therefore, in-situ mining operations must not be allowed, under any circumstances, to flaunt either state or EPA water quality standards.

Colorado and the Rocky Mountain West are blessed with an abundance of natural resources. As stewards of these resources, we are required to ensure that resource development is done in a responsible way that ensures the health and safety of the public. On behalf of my constituents in Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, I again reiterate my strong opposition to any actions during this GEIS process that in anyway lower water quality standards.

Sincerely,

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Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave
From Colorado's Fourth Congressional District

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