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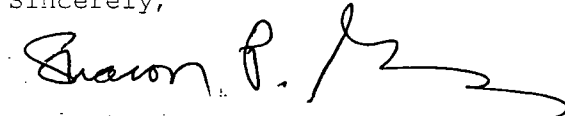
Dear Sir:

I write regarding the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Federal Register notice dated July 24, 2007 regarding the scope of the proposed Generic Environmental Impact Statement ("GEIS") for in situ leach ("ISL") uranium mining.

I believe that a GEIS is inappropriate for this type of project. ISL uranium mining has very site-specific environmental health implications. Our anthropology museum has exhibited the very serious health consequences of past uranium mining on Navajo families in New Mexico. In earlier times the risks associated with uranium mining were not disclosed to the public, and many people unknowingly exposed themselves and their families to early cancer deaths. Even if the technologies have improved, it is unacceptable to repeat past mistakes and not give full public airing and risk assessment before deciding whether to proceed. The proposed GEIS does not afford this opportunity.

Moreover, relegating these important site-specific issues to evaluation in an environmental assessment ("EA") is unacceptable. We must follow the public participation and environmental analysis requirements for EISs under the National Environmental Policy Act, not the much less stringent EAs requirements.

Sincerely,



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