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**Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board,**

**I am writing as tribal member Ogala Sioux Tribe. I am concerned that the adequacy of the evaluation and protection of historical resources at the site, as well as the NRC's analysis of the facility's impacts on surface groundwater, and the ecosystem.**

**These contentions should be enough to NOT renew the proposed license.**

**Contention A & C:**

**Regulations do not require off site water testing for uranium and other heavy metals associated with uranium ISL milling. Disinformation has caused the radioactive contamination to be normalized. A farming/ranching operation adjacent to Cameco Crow Butte Resources had to down crops due to air-born contamination from the mine, it is said there was a payout to cover the lost crop.**

**Contention F: Educational administrators have neglected Dawes county students and do not provide access to earth science classes that fully analyze local soils and water. Educators who want this kind of technical knowledge for students get ostracized and/or not even considered for employment within Panhandle classrooms.**

**Contention 1: Local leaderships who are Cameco proponents use institutionalized racism effectively to dismiss the Oglala Lakota Nation and individual members who are intervening in opposition of Cameco Crow Butte Resources uranium milling license permit. No formal consultation has been undertaken with the Indigenous Tribal Nations of the region. Furthermore, no formal consultation has been performed with the rural agricultural heritage descendants or agritourism businesses living in the area.**

**Regarding Contentions 12-14, Cameco CBR ISL has consistently failed to coordinate and react appropriately to industrial and/or rangeland wildfire occurrences off site and in surrounding environs. 75 violations and reportable incidents show a complete lack of due diligence for the safety of people, livestock and soils.**

**Respectfully,**

**Tara Wiley**