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Administrative Judge, Michael M. Gibson  
c/o Nicholas Sciretta and Sachin Desai  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel  
Mail Stop T-3F23  
U.S. Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

re: Crow Butte Mine license renewal

Dear Panel Members:

Both NRC and ASLB know that in ISL/ISR mining there is not only uranium contamination, but also other heavy metals, both air-borne and water contamination in surface waters, groundwater, and aquifer waters as well as in land application of wastewater. The licensing decision makers can no longer treat these adverse conditions of ISL/ISR mining lightly.

When a spill or contamination occurs, what will NRC and ASLB specifically require of Crow Butte Mine operators/owners for mitigation measures ---both procedure as well as financial responsibility, so that taxpayers don't have to live with the consequences and pay for what should be the corporation's responsibility? If in its application the company does not detail procedures and accept total responsibility, they should not receive a renewed permit to continue operating.

Water is the natural resource on which all life depends. NRC and ASLB are responsible for decisions that protect the safety of air, soil, water, livestock, and people.

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