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Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

Dear Commissioners;

My name is Paula Antoine, I am Director of the Sicangu Oyate Land Office, member of the Lakota Nation, grandmother and mother and a citizen of The United States.

Please accept this email as my public comments concerning the proposed permit re-newel and /or expansion of the Crow Buttes uranium mine near Crawford Nebraska.

I implore you to close the current mine, deny the permit and not allow any expansion to this mining project.

The project has had numerous documented violations in recent years. The long term economical, environmental and health effects of these violations have not yet been determined.

The violations are clearly devastating to the local land and water. The mine, mining operations and equipment related to the mining operations is causing long term negative impacts which the local area is not prepared to handle economically.

A truck accident spilled hydrochloric acid this will effect the land and water for years in that area. Surface spills from the pools will contaminate drinking water and local waterways including those a tributaries which cross in the Lakota Nations territories. The proximity to water sources could cause devastating impacts to not only local residents but to citizens throughout the entire United States.

The mine effects the Black Hills, one of our Lakota Nations beloved lands and sacred sites. The health and well-being of members of the Lakota nation and local citizens is at risk due to the mine. Many are suffering long-term illnesses caused by the radiation exposure and other chemicals associated with the mine's operations; which must be addressed by the company and corrective measures must continue until the people are healthy again.

Your authority to regulate such operations includes the obligation to the resources of the area, the land, the water and most importantly the citizens and the coming generations. The children and unborn must face the consequences of your actions and decisions concerning this devastating project.

In your minds weigh the insignificant economic benefits with the investment you could make for our future generations by denying the permit.

Remember your obligation to our citizens and yourselves, please deny the permit and close the mining operation: and ensure proper mitigation procedures are followed as set by federal guidelines. All federal laws must be followed including the recognition of the treaties made with the Lakota Nation and recognized by the U.S. Congress.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my concerns.

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