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This communication is in regard to the license application by Strata Energy to allow Strata Energy to expand their uranium mining and processing site in Crook County near Devil's Tower and Oshoto Reservoir in Wyoming.

Shannon Anderson, Powder River Basin along with Natural Resources Defense Council appealed Strata's NRC license with expert evidence about water restoration and contamination concerns. Strata is asking to be allowed to expand its project to cover an additional 7,800 acres. The proposed uranium mining processing area has over 5,000 abandoned drill holes from the early days of uranium exploration. The proposed mining and processing has an extremely high consumption of water and could potentially

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draw down the aquifers for human use as well as for wild life and livestock. Thanks to Shannon Anderson, the NRC has been requiring strata to locate and plug the old exploration wells, and there are still concerns because old wells in the area could become conduits for water contamination from strata's previous exploration drill holes that have not been properly abandoned, and the NRC needs to do a better job of analyzing the risks these old drill holes represent. Impacts of previous mines in WY, NE, and TX have been significant, and to date none of uranium projects have fully ~~restored~~ restored an aquifer to pre-mining water quality. For further information, contact Shannon Anderson at: 307-672-5809.

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