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Dear NRC Regulators:

My concern is for the diligent protection of our water. This should be the utmost concern regarding the regulation of any and all uranium mining. Please do a thorough environmental impact review regarding:

—the impact of excessively high consumption of aquifer water by uranium mines—water that is needed for safe consumption by people, livestock and agriculture. This is especially critical considering receding water tables due to growing demand and a trend toward reduced annual precipitation.

—the impact of excursions of contaminated water from old abandoned wells, and from present uranium mining projects, into various adjacent aquifers as well as surface water sources, as already observed at various uranium mining sites in other states.

I am asking the NRC to be very concerned about protecting both the quality and quantity of water in light of the noticeable decrease in available water, and in light of all the present and future needs for life-sustaining uses of our water. I feel a dread and hopelessness about the callous disregard for the preciousness of water that prevails nowadays, and ask you to vigorously exercise your responsibility regarding the enforcement of clean water regulations, and to vigilantly examine all conditions and aspects of present uranium mining and any expansion requests.

Sincerely,

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