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Subject: Public comment on the Strata Energy Ross ISL uranium project's draft permit.

I am a concerned citizen and feel that Strata Energy should not be permitted to operate in the Oshoto area of Crook County. This area is inundated with oil wells and I do not believe that the compounded effect of having two industries in the same area has been appropriately considered. Both of these types of operations use large quantities of water and can have a huge impact on ground water, in consumption and pollution, in the area. I am very concerned about cross contamination of aquifers in the area due to past exploration for ISL mining practices and over 5,000 unmonitored drill holes.

As a volunteer fireman and first responder for our county, I know that the county is absolutely not equipped to handle emergencies that could be encountered on an ISL mining site, such as a fire involving yellow cake or a spill of ISL mining solutions.

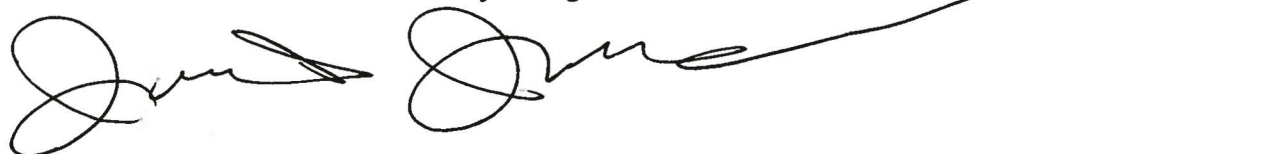
The increased traffic on the D haul road would greatly impact the people that live along that road. I have spoken to a few of them and they have told me that the increased traffic on the road during the exploration phase of the project alone has been significant and has impacted their lives negatively.

In speaking with personnel from the DEQ, I know that they do not believe that they have an adequate amount of personnel to cover this site, especially with the long distance from their central headquarters, so this site will be completely self-monitoring and will be able to do whatever they can get away with.

I do not agree with permitting of the Strata Energy project for ISL mining of uranium in our county and believe that it will have a negative impact on the ground water, environment, and the quality of life of the residents. I believe that permitting the Strata Energy project will have a negative impact on the area both in the short and long term.

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