

C.A.R.D. NEWSLETTER



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Action Needed on MLRB Extension of Comment Period

The MLRB has extended the deadline to March 15, 2010 for written public commentary on the rules and regulations they are currently writing to support HB 08-1161 SB 08-228, the 2008 legislation that was passed and signed into law. Please --- take the time to submit your comments. You have a voice and it's important that we stay involved.

Also, if you live in any of these cities: Fort Collins, Greeley, Windsor, Ault, New Raymer, Severance, Pierce, Loveland, Boulder, Timnath, or in Larimer County

Please contact your city council and/or your county commissioners and ask them to write a letter of support to the MLRB regarding these rules and regulations. Take a look at: [http://www.nunnglow.com/documents/Sample Public Comments - DRAFT.pdf](http://www.nunnglow.com/documents/Sample%20Public%20Comments%20-%20DRAFT.pdf)

You can see current comments on the MLRB site:

<http://mining.state.co.us/Rulemaking/Written%20Public%20Comments%20Recd-List.htm>

And look at: www.powertechexposed.com for even more ideas

Need volunteers to help plan Fundraiser Scheduled for April 30, 2010

C.A.R.D. and Save the Poudre, are teaming together for a fundraiser. It will be at the Lincoln Center, Friday night, April 30. The two organizations will be splitting all costs and profits from the main event. Stay tuned for details.

Within the event will be a Silent Auction. Each organization is collecting items separately for the Silent Auction. If you donate an item to CARD -- the full amount received in the auction will go to CARD. Therefore --- we need your donations of goods and services.

We also need volunteers to help with this event and the silent auction. Our first volunteer meeting is coming fast: Monday, 3/08/10, at the Bean Cycle Coffeehouse and Matters Bookstore at 144 N. College in Fort Collins. 7pm

Contact Nora Dixon for more information and/or if you can help with either donations or your time. nora1704@comcast.net

DRMS Letter to Powertech Regarding Pump Test Permit

Please take a moment to contact Allen Sorenson at the DRMS and thank him for his diligent work on protecting our natural resources. A recent letter has been sent to Powertech Uranium Corporation with a bond amount and other strict guidelines under which they could potentially do their pump test. CARD is happy to see that Mr. Sorenson is addressing our concerns regarding protection of the water and the surrounding area during this potential test. His phone number is 303-866-3567 Ext. 8143

See the full letter posted at ;

http://www.nunnglow.com/documents/DRMSLetter_March2010.pdf

Powertech Involved in Secret Contract with former Mayor of Nunn, Colorado

CARD has learned of back door deals that Powertech has made with former town officials in Nunn, Colorado. See the Nunn newsletter for details:

http://thenununion.com/index_files/The%20Nununion%20Issue%2024.pdf

These issues that have come to light are really making us wonder about the integrity of Powertech. Between their talking with the EPA off the record and these behind closed doors deals with local town leaders, how can this company proclaim their "open book" policy. Do we really trust them to do a job in such a way as to protect our water? Or will it

all boil down to just how much money they can make the easiest way they can? Actions speak louder than words.....

This history of how uranium mining companies tend to conduct business is exactly why we need your participation in the rules and regulation writing going on right now through the MLRB.

Mark Your Calendar for April 15th public Comment

We need people so plan to attend..... The Mined Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) has finalized a hearing schedule for proposed state rules that will determine how Powertech USA can proceed with its plans to construct a uranium mine in Weld County less than 15 miles northeast of Fort Collins. The MLRB is asking for the public to make its voice heard on the proposed rules at an April 15th hearing at the I-25 Embassy Suites Hotel at the Ranch (1pm to 9pm) in Loveland. Watch www.nunnglow.com for more info.

We must stay involved to hold these uranium mining companies accountable.

Legislative update

Uranium Processing Accountability Act

House sponsor: Rep. Buffie McFadyen (D-Pueblo West)

Senate sponsors: Sen. Ken Kester (R-Las Animas) and Sen. Bob Bacon (D-Fort Collins)

Part of the reason for this legislation is because of Cotter Corporation Uranium Mill track record: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has listed Cotter as a superfund site for 25 years. Cotter was cited for more than 100 violations in the last 9 years. These violations include a recent citation for unconfined groundwater contamination containing uranium and molybdenum. Cotter has requested its current bonding for clean-up and decommissioning to be \$23.2 million. That amount is likely quite inadequate given past clean-up costs of other mills (\$50 to \$500 mil.). In 2008, Cotter pleaded guilty to the crime of killing 40 migratory birds from an onsite spill and received a \$30,000 fine. For a look at information about Cotter's superfund status go to <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/HM/cotter/sitedescript.htm>

What the Uranium Processing Accountability Act does Requires operators to comply with all clean up orders before new applications are processed. Strengthens public oversight of bonding requirements for clean-up and decommissioning. Requires operators to inform residents about threats to their water if residents have registered wells in close proximity to known groundwater contamination. Requires operators to amend their operating license before accepting new sources of "alternate feed" (radioactive, toxic waste from other industrial or medical operations with recoverable minerals).

See <http://taccolorado.com> to follow this current legislation. Be sure to contact your representatives and ask for their vote on this important piece of legislation. You can find all of their contact information on <http://www.nunnglow.com>

Historical facts from March 1978

Well --- let's go back 32 years to 1978. Take a look at this link http://www.nunnglow.com/documents/HighCountryNews_InSitu_1978.pdf to see a March 24, 1978, *High Country News* Article: "New Uranium Technology -- In Situ mining has advantages but is no panacea" by Justas Bavarski

You'll likely find it very interesting that the technology is being called "new" 32 years ago even though they even state that it is 20 years old then. We also find the information regarding the nitrite and nitrate levels in water supplies very enlightening.

The most eye catching quote from the article is this:

"No one in the business claims it is possible to restore water to its original condition," Eisenbarth (William Eisenbarth, manager of licensing for the Denver-based Wyoming Mineral) said. "In our application we say we will restore groundwater to a toxicity rating comparable to the original. That may mean some ions get juggled about."

I thought Powertech said there is history that shows that they can restore water to it's original condition? Not to mention..... Didn't Powertech come into town proclaiming their use of "new" technology.....? I must be confused..... Or maybe I'm just emotional and don't recognize the scientific definitions of "new" and "restored."

Will this madness ever end.....

Given the history in Wyoming and the number of citations that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Wyoming DEQ have issued over the years for excursions, spills, etc, one must wonder if they wish they could go back these 32 years for a "do over." Take note Colorado. We don't have ISL mining in Colorado yet..... For a look at some typical violations go to <http://www.wise-uranium.org/umopwy.html#CHRISVIO>

We Need Your Help

Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction (CARD) does not have a financial sponsor. We must rely on donations and grants to raise money to fight uranium mining.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Please donate what you can. Donations can now be tax-deductible.**
- **You can donate through our website: www.nunnglow.com**
- **Or mail a check to our fiscal agent Information Network for Responsible Mining (INFORM) PO Box 349, Lyons, CO 80540. Donations to INFORM are tax deductible.**
- **Everyone in the State of Colorado has a say on whether uranium mining permitted here. Let your voice be heard! - Continue writing letters to the editor and to your elected officials telling them you are against in situ leach uranium mining.**
- **When the mining companies apply for a mining permit later this year you can appear and state your objections to uranium mining at the public hearings.**
- **Sign up for our electronic newsletter at www.nunnglow.com so we can notify you when and where to appear.**

Who Are We?

CARD (Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction) is a diverse collection of citizens concerned about the health, environmental and economic impacts of uranium-related activity.

We are convinced this project will have dire consequences for northern Colorado and set a dangerous precedent. Our goal is to prevent uranium mining in Colorado and protect our valuable resources, especially our water, for future generations.

The CARD website, www.nunnglow.com, has a wealth of information about the proposed mining, the processes and the potential impact on our air and water. On our website you can learn what you can do to stop the proposed uranium mining, sign an online petition and make a donation.