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Geovic Mining Corp. Getting Busy

Another uranium company has gone public with its intentions in northern Colorado. Geovic Mining Corp. has leased 15,500 acres in northeastern Weld County for potential uranium mining. The leases are located near Pawnee National Grasslands and in the area around the towns of Grover and Keota. This is more than twice as many acres as those acquired by Powertech Uranium in the northwestern part of the County.

According to the company, uranium deposits in the area range from 120 to 600 feet below the surface. Union Oil of California (Unocal) originally explored the uranium deposits in the 1970s. A number of members of Geovic's leadership are former Unocal employees, including John Sherborne, the company's CEO. Geovic originally organized in Alberta, Ontario, Canada, and was named Resource Equity Ltd. In 2001, it reorganized to become Geovic Mining Corp. and moved its headquarters to Grand Junction, CO.

The company says it plans to "**move as quickly as it can**" and to begin exploration drilling in the area later this year. It has not publicly set up a timeline for other activities. Exploration activities are no longer secret, thanks to a new state law (Senate Bill 228) that CARD helped pass this spring.

Geovic's Vice President of Investor Relations reports that the company is "inclined to do 'in-situ' leach mining," according to a May 8 article in the *Northern Colorado Business Report*.

A company representative began attending CARD events last month. The company is also getting some local media coverage. CEO Sherborne, in a June 15 *Greeley Tribune* article, talked about the company's environmental record in Cameroon, Africa, where it plans to construct a large cobalt mine. But since the mine isn't operating yet, its actual environmental impacts aren't known. The company also pointed out that it has had \$70,000 in medical supplies sent to the country. These supplies are surely needed in the west African nation, but they are a small gesture when the mine's yield is expected to be \$10 billion.

Join Us For “No Yellow Cake” Festivities!

Want to have a good time? Want to protect our area from uranium activities? Then here's the summer event for you.

On Sunday, July 20, from 3:00 – 5:00, we'll have an opportunity to get together, compete in **children's and adults' contests** (friendly competition only), and share the latest information. Prizes will include all types of anti-uranium mining gear – t-shirts, signs, bumper stickers, etc.

Everyone can take part in the water balloon toss. Let's also try the old fashioned Egg and Spoon race.

Kids will have watermelon eating contests. They'll be divided by age and will get to eat all they can within two minutes.

Adults will have a homemade dessert contest. Maybe you have a famous family recipe. Maybe you have a cool summer treat. Or maybe you want to be a judge. The only limitation is that you can't enter yellow cake (that's also the name for processed uranium).

We'll be getting together at the Wellington Pavillion park- rain or shine. There's a playground, and plenty of space to enjoy each other's company.

To enter a dessert, donate a watermelon, or sign up to be a judge, contact Jackie@nunnglow.com. Otherwise, just show up, bring a friend, and have a great time!

Who Gets to Write the Rules?

That's the question in Colorado. Either uranium companies can write the new rules that will enforce our new uranium legislation. Or we can write them. **It's up to you** – and everyone who doesn't want to see uranium mining destroy our water.

We expect state agencies to begin working on rules designed to protect water from in situ leach uranium mining in the next month or two. Then the state Department of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety will publish a formal notice, and public hearings will be held.

Everyone needs to be ready for the public hearing process. Spread the word. Think about what you want in rules to protect our water, and send your ideas to jay@nunnglow.com. CARD and our allies will need to hire experts to help our cause. We need money to make this happen. So we also need your donations to the fund that will be used to hire experts (see below).

Having Fun – Fighting Uranium

CARD will be taking part in **parades and various events** all summer long. Want to get some exercise with your friends, kids, or spouse? Walk in a parade. Want to meet lots of people? Spend a couple hours in a booth at a community event. You can bring a friend, or we'll provide someone to help you out.

These are great ways to spend a little time and know you've made a contribution to your community's safety, health, and economic well-being. Contact Nora at nora1740@comcast.net.

Ault Town Board Passes Resolution Against Mining

On June 10, the Town of Ault passed a unanimous resolution against in situ leach uranium mining in northern Colorado. **Trustee Phil Tidwell led the effort to pass the resolution**, which is similar to the strongly-worded resolutions passed by the City of Greeley, the City of Fort Collins, and other area municipalities.

CARD's hardy outreach workers collected 518 signatures from Ault residents on our petition (www.nunnglow.com/documents/petition.pdf) – out of Ault's total population of 1,430! These signatures were used to show that people in Ault are concerned about the possibility of a uranium mine less than 10 miles north of town.

The persistence of Town Board members and the petition signatures were key to this victory. With the help of a lot of people, we've collected nearly 10,000 signatures on our petition. Our goal is to get another 114 signatures by July 1. To sign on or collect petition signatures, see www.nunnglow.info/lists/?p=subscribe&id=2.

YOUR Donation Needed

With your help and support, a lot has been accomplished in the last year! **Now we're gearing up for the rule-making process** that the State of Colorado will go through to implement the three pieces of new legislation passed this year. The legislation is great! But without strong rules, it won't be effective in protecting our water, people, and land.

CARD needs your continued help to effectively represent you in this process. We'll need public education materials and experts on various aspects of mining and water quality.

You can **donate at the** www.nunnglow.com **website** or send your money order or check to CARD, PO Box 143, Wellington, CO 80549. If for some reason you don't want to be publicly acknowledged for your contribution, please let us know.

Regional Meeting Brings Participation from 5 States

Organizations from Colorado, Nebraska, and South Dakota that are working against proposed uranium mines met in northern Colorado on Saturday, June 21. Representatives from North Dakota and Wyoming joined in a press statement, which was issued from Mustang Hollow Ranch in rural Weld County.

In situ leach mining is already occurring near Douglas, WY, where the two major mines in the state were cited recently for multiple violations involving water pollution, lack of mine restoration, and a variety of other problems. In situ mining is also occurring in northwest Nebraska at the Crow Butte project.

At least six companies are looking at uranium mining in northern Weld County, where exploration drilling began last year. Exploratory drilling is also occurring in southwestern South Dakota on the edge of the Black Hills.

Land has been leased in South Park, CO, in far northeast Wyoming, and in western North Dakota. In Fremont County, CO, exploration is proposed in an area that includes 14 subdivisions.

“We all have common concerns about our water, our local economies, our health, and our ways of life,” said Robin Davis, who owns Mustang Hollow Ranch with her husband, Jay. “Wherever people are from, we have the same message – uranium mining is **unclean, unsafe, and unwanted.**”

Charmaine White Face, Director of Defenders of the Black Hills, issued a statement saying, “Defenders of the Black Hills are encouraged by the work of Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction. In South Dakota, **our aquifers are already cross contaminated** from thousands of uranium exploratory wells, and rivers and streams are radioactively polluted with the runoff from more than 100 abandoned open-pit uranium mines. It will take hundreds of thousands of years for these to be returned to normal.”

“The issues are the same across our region,” observed Cindy Klein of Dakota Resource Council, who is working with other organizations represented at the regional meeting. “We’re getting slammed by this new uranium boom. In North Dakota, we’re working on new rules to govern in situ leach mining. So are people in Colorado and South Dakota. It’s important that we share expertise and work together.”

The participating groups issued a common statement:

“We want the uranium industry to know that we stand together on this issue. Whether in a rural setting or a populated area, uranium mining causes radioactive contamination. Past uranium sites continue to contaminate the air, land, and water. Any bonds designed to pay for clean up of former mining areas have not been sufficient, and taxpayers have been forced to pay the bill. These problems continue at modern uranium mines. We call on the public and all elected officials to do everything possible to protect water, land, health, and local economies from proposed uranium activities.”

Information on activities in other areas can be found through the links provided at www.nunnglow.com/latest/organizations-from-five-states-focus-on-uranium-mining-issues.html

Belgian Investors Back Powertech Uranium

Powertech Uranium Corp. became more international in early June. According to a June 3 Powertech press release, Synatom, a Belgian company, has invested \$9 million (Canadian dollars) in the company. The agreement between the two companies says that Synatom could end up owning as much as 33% of Powertech.

Synatom purchases enriched uranium from outside Belgium to feed the nation’s seven nuclear reactors. The company is then responsible for handling these radioactive materials through their final disposal. Synatom is a subsidiary of Electrabel, which provides electricity and other energy sources across Europe. It recently bid on construction of two nuclear power plants in Bulgaria. And Electrabel, in turn, is owned by

Suez, a large international company that produces and sells a variety of types of energy, including nuclear power.

Belgium gets 54% of its energy from nuclear power. The nation has, however, passed an act blocking the building of new nuclear power plants. Current nuclear plants will be limited to a 40-year lifespan. That means that Belgium will be nuclear-free in 2014.

While \$9 million may be a substantial chunk of money to most of us, it is not enough to bring the four uranium projects that Powertech currently plans into production. But watch for the company to stop hedging about whether it will market its uranium outside the U.S.

Sign On For Petition Drive -- Starting NOW in Greeley

The CARD Events Committee is planning petition drives on Saturdays in Greeley. A **few hours of your time can bring big rewards** for our efforts to stop uranium mining! Plus it's a good way to meet people and share your concerns.

You don't have to be a Greeley resident to help. Please e-mail Nora at nora1740@comcast.net if you can help. You're welcome to bring a friend, or we'll assign you to a team with another person.

Newsletter Editor Needed

Do you have some basic writing skills or want to be "in the know" about uranium activities? Then we have the job for you!

CARD is looking for a newsletter editor. This involves keeping track of the information that will be sent to you, and then drafting a newsletter every two weeks.

To find out more, contact Jackie@nunnglow.com.

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. 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.