

RESOLUTION 2007-108
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
EXPRESSING COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO THE
MINING OF URANIUM IN THE VICINITY OF NUNN, COLORADO

WHEREAS, Canadian company PowerTech Uranium Corporation ("PowerTech") is considering a uranium mining operation across nearly 6000 acres of land in the vicinity of Nunn, Colorado, about 11 miles northeast of Fort Collins, known as the Centennial Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, Powertech has indicated that it will start the permitting process for the Project in mid-2008; and

WHEREAS, Powertech proposes to extract the uranium in-situ, meaning that uranium will be dissolved out of porous sands located deep underground and brought to the surface for processing; and

WHEREAS, Powertech has not ruled out extracting some uranium using open-pit mining techniques; and

WHEREAS, in-situ uranium mining is a newer method of mining uranium, and research has shown that the environmental impacts and threats to public health and safety posed by the process are significant; and

WHEREAS, in-situ leaching mining holds inherent risks, including but not limited to the possible contamination of groundwater and degradation of natural groundwater conditions through the groundwater restoration process utilized after completion of the leaching operations; and

WHEREAS, because the mining operations involved in the in-situ process and the potential damage caused by such process occur below the surface, early detection of such problems may not be possible; and

WHEREAS, the Project will be located in an area near Fort Collins which is experiencing rapid population growth; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the Colorado North Front Range and, in particular, the site presently under consideration by PowerTech is not a suitable location for uranium mining, both because the level of risk to the environment and to the health and safety of area residents that is presented by uranium mining cannot be determined with any degree of certainty and because the presence of such an operation in the proposed location will almost certainly have a detrimental effect on the image and economic well-being of the City; and

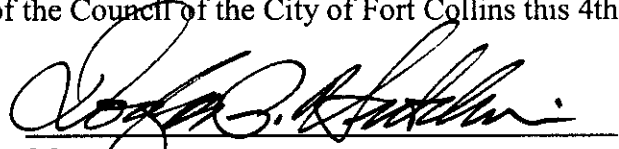
WHEREAS, for those reasons, the City Council is strongly opposed to the Project and wishes to convey its concerns and position of opposition to those county, state and federal agencies that may review the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

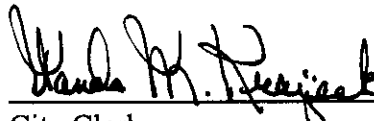
Section 1. That the Council hereby expresses its strong opposition to in-situ, open pit, and leach mining projects such as the proposed Centennial Project and urges all county, state and federal agencies involved in the permitting process for such projects to recognize that locating such projects along the North Front Range and in close proximity to the City of Fort Collins is ill advised because it may well be injurious to the health, safety and/or welfare of the residents in the area and do irreparable harm to the economic and environmental well-being of the City of Fort Collins.

Section 2. That for the foregoing reasons, the Council further urges such agencies to deny any and all permits applications for such projects.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 4th day of December, A.D. 2007.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk