

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

November 23, 2009

Carol Rushin, Action Regional Administrator  
US EPA Region 8  
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Dear Administrator Rushin,

We are writing regarding the potential uranium mining project in Weld County, Colorado near the towns of Nunn and Wellington.

Our constituents across Northern Colorado have expressed serious concerns about the proposed uranium mining operations using in-situ leaching (ISL). There is a fear that this process can jeopardize water quality, and may well be inappropriate for use in an area so close to a population center of 300,000 people.

These contamination concerns have led to fierce opposition to the proposed mining operations from the citizens and local governments in the region. The city councils from Fort Collins, Greeley, Wellington, Nunn, Ault, and Timnath have all passed resolutions in opposition to this proposal.

A number of our constituents have also expressed concern that the EPA may be formulating internal guidance to regulate the ISL process under the Safe Drinking Water Act's Underground Injection Control Program. Given that the EPA has never been the direct regulatory oversight authority for this process, we would encourage you to make all rulemakings and informal guidance subject to the public notice and comment provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act. The citizens of Northern Colorado deserve to be involved in the process.

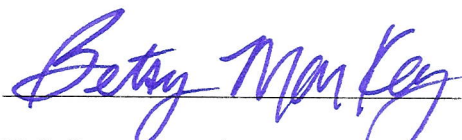
Thus, we would respectfully urge you to take every precaution to safeguard the quality of our water and to involve the public in any rulemakings or guidance promulgated in relation to the proposed Powertech Uranium Mine.

Thank you for your good work in Region 8.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Michael F. Bennet



U.S. Representative Betsy Markey