

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2008

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WELLINGTON, COLORADO, EXPRESSING 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, the Project would be the first in-situ uranium mining operation in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, in-situ uranium mining is a newer method of mining uranium and the environmental impacts and threats to public health and safety posed by the process are largely unknown; and

WHEREAS, in-situ leaching mining technology holds inherent risks, including 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 Wellington which is experiencing rapid population growth; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board 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 health and safety of area residents 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 Town Board 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 TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WELLINGTON, COLORADO, as follows:

Section 1. That the Town Board hereby expresses its strong opposition to the Project and urges all county, state and federal agencies involved in the permitting process for the Project to recognize that locating the Project along the North Front Range and in close proximity to the Town of Wellington 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 well-being of the Town of Wellington.

Section 2. That, for the foregoing reasons, the Town Board further urges such agencies to deny any and all permit applications for the Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WELLINGTON, COLORADO, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008.

TOWN OF WELLINGTON, COLORADO

Larry Noel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Larry Lorentzen, Town Administrator/Clerk

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