Myth v. Fact: International Uranium Expert Makes Fort Collins Appearance August 18

With the controversial Centennial Project looming over Northern Colorado, internationally recognized expert on uranium mining, Dr. Gavin Mudd is giving a talk entitled - “In Situ Uranium Mining: Myth versus Fact” at the Fort Collins Senior Center on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.. Environment Colorado, Clean Water Action, Sierra Club, Poudre Canyon Group and Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction (C.A.R.D.) are hosting the event.

Dr. Gavin Mudd has a Ph.D. in environmental engineering and is a lecturer in the Department of Civil Engineering at Monash University, Australia. He has been an active researcher and advocate on the environmental impacts of mining for over a decade. His work has been showcased in several international journals and conferences. He has had extensive involvement in examining the underlying scientific issues associated with uranium mining in Australia and around the world.

Additionally, Dr. Mudd has active research interests in urban groundwater issues, groundwater management and assessment, especially with respect to climate change and sustainability. He is currently travelling in the United States and Canada speaking and presenting several papers on mining.

“I understand ISL uranium mining is proposed close to Fort Collins and I am here to talk about the most up-to-date scientific information regarding this type of mining,” said Dr. Mudd.

Matt Garrington, advocate of Environment Colorado, said, “Dr. Mudd’s trip to Colorado couldn’t be timelier. Colorado is wrestling with the tough issues and impacts a new uranium boom could bring to the state. Dr. Mudd’s presentation is an opportunity for the public and decision makers to take a hard look at the social and environmental costs of uranium mining.”

Gary Wockner, Fort Collins resident and Colorado Director of Clean Water Action, along with Jackie Adolph from Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction, C.A.R.D. pointed out their organizations have been working locally to make the public aware of the dangers of the proposed uranium mining in Northern Colorado. Clean Water Action ran a door-to-door campaign engaging thousands of citizens on the issue, and C.A.R.D. has waged a strong outreach effort to fight the Centennial ISL uranium mining project.
As posted on their website, the Sierra Club Poudre Canyon Group and Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Sierra Club oppose and are working to prevent uranium mining in Northern Colorado and statewide.

A press conference to interview Dr. Mudd will be held earlier in the day from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Fort Collins Senior Center. Please contact Jackie Adolph for details and reservations.

Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction, CARD, is a diverse collection of citizens concerned about the health, environmental and economic impacts a proposed uranium mining project would have on Colorado. Their goal is to prevent uranium mining in Colorado and protect our valuable resources, especially water, for future generations.

Environment Colorado is a statewide, citizen-based environmental advocacy organization focusing exclusively on protecting Colorado's air, water and open spaces and taking action at the local, state and national levels to improve the quality of our environment and our lives.

Clean Water Action is an organization of 1.2 million members working to empower people to take action to protect America's waters, build healthy communities and to make democracy work for all of us. Clean Water Action’s national campaigns work on Federal law and policy. State offices campaign on the same issues locally.

The Sierra Club is America's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization. The Poudre Canyon Group is the local group in Northern Colorado and its volunteers work on a wide variety of issues including watershed protection, supporting mass transportation and wildlife habitat protection.