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Comments: "Clean" Nuclear Energy Corp. (CNEC), a subsidiary of Basin Uranium, has applied for a permit to explore for radioactive uranium in Fall River County, north of Edgemont in an area near the rim of Craven Canyon in South Dakota.

This seven thousand-year old archeological site is sacred to the Oceti Sakowin and surrounding tribal nations and the proposed drilling would disrupt traditional ceremonies and studies. Radioactive uranium does not belong in our communities, let alone near the rim of Craven Canyon.

Another sacred site, Pe' Sla, is being threatened by a proposed exploratory graphite drilling project. This 18-drill-pad project, drilling up to 1000 feet per hole, directly threatens Pe' Sla - one of the most sacred sites still used by Lakota people for ceremonies. It also threatens the water supply for Rapid City and Ellsworth Air Force Base, and underground waters.