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Comments: To whom it may concern: I strongly oppose any future plans for mining uranium in the state of NM, or for that matter in the continental USA. My father, Robert Smith worked in the uranium fields in the Ambrosia Lake area near Grants, NM in the 1950s. He died from complications many years later from his work in the uranium industry. My brother, Gordon Smith worked in the reclamation area of uranium near Naturita, CO (Naturita Processing Super Fund Site-involving vanadium) he contracted multiple myeloma cancer from the uranium cleanup and died in 2001 from said activities. I myself, worked on the Atlas Mill Grand Junction CO Super Fund cleanup driving a truck. The slime/sludge from the tailings along the Gunnison river was a contamination of monumental proportions. All these uranium mining companies leave behind contaminated waste affecting groundwater aquifers (the area on the Navajo , Laguna Pueblo reservations is still contaminated after over 50 years) and leaving radioactive spoils behind. At a time when we need to be focusing on renewable energy (solar and wind) we need to quit subsidizing the gas, oil and uranium industries. They pollute and kill at the expense of our environment and population(people and animals alike). Please deny any land use involving the extraction of uranium as well as gas and oil. Respectfully submitted, Bridget Vaisvil