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ND Public Service Commission  
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Dear Commissioners,

I am requesting a formal public hearing in regard to the mining permit for the South Heart Coal mine. I am concerned about the health impacts of uranium on my health and the health of my children. We know that uranium exists in the coal near South Heart and we know that uranium is a carcinogen. I run several miles weekly on the gravel roads where the mine would exist. My 2 boys exercise as well outside. My husband does chores outdoors. If the uranium is disturbed, we live and work and play right next to the mine. We are afraid that we may breath in the disturbed uranium. We are afraid of cancer and breathing problems and heart problems. I do not think that anyone can guarantee the safety of this mine. Could this uranium seep into water supplies? We have lived at this residence over 10 years. We have a right to a safe and healthy place to live.

I am also concerned about a landfill permit where the company could dispose of hazardous waste materials. We are unsure of what will be buried here. This could be hazardous to people who live in the area. We are concerned about years later. Will this take the agriculture land out of production forever? Will we find that the hazardous material will impact our health down the road? Will it seep into the water supply?

I have a right to continue running on the neighborhood road. How safe will the roads be once the trucks start using the roads? I, also, have a 13 year old boy. He will be getting his permit this spring. Will the infrastructure and roads be safe? How will oil activity and coal activity affect our lives?

Because of the health and safety of our neighborhood, I request that you deny the mining permit in South Heart. Everyone should breath clean air and drink safe water.

Sincerely and Concerned,

Laura Tangen  
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