

TOWN OF AULT, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-06

EXPRESSING THE OPPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF AULT TO IN-SITU MINING OF URANIUM IN THE NORTHERN COLORADO AREA.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF AULT, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees hereby expresses its strong opposition to in-situ uranium mining in the northern Colorado area and urges all county, federal, and state agencies involved in the permitting process for such in-situ uranium mining to recognize that the locating of such projects along the north front range and in close proximity to populated areas is ill-advised because it is likely to be injurious to the health, safety and/or welfare of all residents in the area and may do irreparable harm to the economic well-being of the northern Colorado area.

Section 2. That for the aforementioned reasons, the Board of Trustees further urges such agencies to deny any and all permit applications for in-situ uranium mining operations in the northern Colorado area.

PASSED, SIGNED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of June, 2008.

TOWN OF AULT, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By: _____
Town Clerk, Sharon Sullivan

By: _____
Brad Bayne, Mayor