

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2008

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WELLINGTON, COLORADO, IN SUPPORT OF STATE LEGISLATION STRENGTHENING STANDARDS FOR URANIUM MINING

WHEREAS, Canadian company PowerTech Uranium Corporation (“PowerTech”) is considering a uranium mining operation across nearly 6000 acres of land in the vicinity of Nunn, Colorado, about 11 miles northeast of Fort Collins, known as the Centennial Project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, PowerTech has indicated that it will start the permitting process for the Project in mid-2008; and

WHEREAS, PowerTech proposes to extract the uranium in-situ, meaning that uranium will be dissolved out of porous sands located deep underground and brought to the surface for processing; and

WHEREAS, PowerTech has not ruled out extracting some uranium using open-pit mining techniques; and

WHEREAS, the Project would be the first in-situ uranium mining operation in Colorado; and

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

WHEREAS, the Project will be located in an area near Wellington which is experiencing rapid population growth; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that it would be prudent for the Colorado Legislature to take proactive steps to address the adequacy of mining requirements in the State, particularly in light of current mining proposals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WELLINGTON, COLORADO, as follows:

Section 1. That the Town Board hereby expresses its support of the adoption of legislation strengthening mining standards in the State including proposed House Bills 1161 and 1169 currently before the Colorado Legislature.

PASSED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WELLINGTON, COLORADO, THIS _____ DAY OF April, 2008.

TOWN OF WELLINGTON, COLORADO

Larry Noel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Larry Lorentzen, Town Administrator/Clerk

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