

Uranium Watch – Utah Bulletin

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The Uranium Watch Utah Bulletin will provide information regarding the latest developments in the uranium mining and milling and nuclear industry in Utah.

◆ Uranium Watch Opens Office in Moab

Please visit Uranium Watch at their new office at 76 South Main Street, #7, Moab. Office hours are, generally, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. Phone at the office is 210-0166. Thanks to the Ben & Jerry's Foundation for making this possible.

◆ Comments Due by March 13 on a Groundwater Discharge Permit for Energy Queen Mine, La Sal, San Juan County

Energy Fuels Resources has requested a Division of Water Quality Groundwater Discharge Permit for the Energy Queen Mine. The Energy Queen is the historic Hecla shaft, a uranium/vanadium mine located east of La Sal in San Juan County. The average daily groundwater discharge from the mine would be 5,000 gallons. The water would be held in a lined containment pond and have a system to clean up the water prior to discharge to a dry wash. For additional information contact Keith Eagan of the Utah Division of Water Quality: keagan@utah.gov or 801-538-6017.

Notice and Application: <http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/PublicNotices/index.htm>

Uranium Watch information: <http://www.uraniumwatch.org/energyqueen.ut.htm>

◆ Mancos Resources Takes on BlueRock Resources' U.S. Assets and Liabilities

Bluerock Resources has transferred most assets and liabilities of its U.S. subsidiary, BlueRock Energy Corp., to Mancos Resources Inc. The assets include mineral claims, mineral claim options, leases, and equipment. Mancos has established an escrow account with Castleland Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., to facilitate the purchase of land east of the town of Green River their proposed uranium mill.

More Information: <http://www.uraniumwatch.org/mancosmill.htm>

◆ South American Minerals Permitted for Exploratory Drilling for Uranium on Bridger Jack Mesa and on Nearby BLM Land

South American Minerals Inc. (SAM) has received a permit from the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining to conduct exploratory drilling for uranium on Bridger Jack Mesa in the northern part of San Juan County. The drilling will take place on Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) land next to the Bridger Jack Mesa subdivision. Originally, SAM planned to drill within the subdivision near existing culinary wells, because they leased the rights to the minerals underneath the subdivision. SAM has also received permission to drill on the other side of Hwy. 191 on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land at the historic Hill Top Mine. Bridger Jack Mesa landowners are very concerned about the impacts to their lives, homes, land, well water, and air quality. They have proposed an ordinance for San Juan County that would preclude the mining of uranium or vanadium within one mile of a subdivision.

◆ Transition Power Development Announces Escrow Agreement

Transition Power Development announced the establishment of an escrow account with Castleland Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., to facilitate the purchase of land east of the town of Green River for a proposed nuclear power reactor.

More Information: <http://www.uraniumwatch.org/transitionpower.htm>

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There is a resurgence of the uranium mining and milling industry in the western United States and Canada. Historically, Southeast Utah was one of the centers of the uranium industry. Currently, the only operating conventional uranium mill in the United States is the White Mesa Uranium Mill, in San Juan County. New uranium mine operations in the area are starting to supply this mill with uranium ore, and the mill has been refurbished to process this ore. Recent state and federal inspections of the mill demonstrate that Denison Mines Inc. is has not taken the health and safety of its mill workers seriously.

Uranium Watch works to educate and advocate for protection of public health and the environment from past, current, and future impacts of uranium mining and uranium recovery operations. Uranium Watch promotes informed public participation in the permitting and regulation of uranium mills and uranium mines, particularly in Utah.

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Uranium Watch Utah Projects

- ◆ White Mesa Uranium Mill
- ◆ Proposed Uranium Mill and Nuclear Power Reactor in Green River
- ◆ Uranium Mines: Daneros, Energy Queen, La Sal, Rim, Tony M, & Velvet

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