

Uranium Watch – Utah Bulletin

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

◆ **Plan-B Theatre Presents Award-Winning Play *EXPOSED* in Moab November 14**

EXPOSED explores the consequences of the exposure of Utah citizens to fallout from hundreds of nuclear bombs exploded in the Nevada desert from 1951 to 1992.

Plan-B Theatre Company's production of Mary Dickson's play *EXPOSED* will tour Utah as a free staged reading (courtesy of the Compton Foundation) from November 6th to 14th. Each reading will be followed by a discussion with the cast, director and playwright.

Moab: Friday, November 14, 7 p.m. Presented by ACME Theatre Company, Inc., Star Hall, 159 E. Center Street. More information: <http://planbtheatre.org/exposedtour>

Other Cities: Ogden | Logan | St. George | Salt Lake City.

◆ **Kane County Requests Extension of Time to Show Beneficial Use of Water Leased to Transition Power Development for a Nuclear Power Station**

On September 25, 2008, the Kane County Water Conservancy (KCWCD) District requested an additional 7 years to show beneficial use for 29,600 acre-feet of water from Lake Powell. The water was originally allocated in 1964 for a coal-fired power plant on the Kaiparowits Plateau. That plan was abandoned in 1976. KCWCD leased the water to Transition Power Development LLC in 2007, withholding information about the lease from the public.

An opportunity to protest the requested extension was noticed by the Utah Division of Water Rights (DWR), and protests must be filed by November 4. In order to use the KCWCD water and the 24,000 acre-feet of water leased from San Juan County for the proposed nuclear power station next to Green River, an application for a change in the point of diversion and place and nature of use will have to be filed with the DWR.

For more information: <http://www.uraniumwatch.org/transitionpower.htm>

◆ **BlueRock Resources and Mancos Resources Dissolve Merger**

On September 22, 2008, BlueRock Resources Ltd. announced that they had signed a release and waiver agreement with Mancos Resources LLC, freeing both parties from a previously agreed upon merger. Mancos Resources has proposed a uranium mill west of Green River, Utah. BlueRock Resources had announced the merger in April of 2008. On October 7 Blue Rock announced the temporary suspension of their Colorado uranium mining operations.

For more information: <http://www.uraniumwatch.org/mancosmill.htm>

◆ **Recent Inspection Reports Show Pattern of Health and Safety Violations at Denison Mines' White Mesa Uranium Mill**

Recent inspections by the Utah Division of Radiation Control and the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration reveal that the management of the White Mesa Uranium Mill has failed to follow proper procedures and assure the health and safety of the mill workers. Report on inspections in the next Uranium Watch Utah Bulletin.

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A Citizen Information/Action Project

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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