

Keep the Ban on Uranium Mining in Virginia!!

Sen. Bryce E. Reeves
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Dear Senator Reeves,

I am a resident of Orange County and I support the current ban on uranium mining in Virginia for the following reasons:

- If the ban were lifted, processed uranium would be shipped out of state. Left behind for centuries would be huge volumes of radioactive and toxic waste near farmlands and local waterways.
- Exposure to uranium waste has been linked to increases in leukemia, kidney disease and other severe health problems.
- A recent study predicts a spill at the first proposed mining site could contaminate drinking water for up to two years for Virginia Beach and other Virginia and North Carolina communities.
- In the 1980s, uranium exploratory leases were acquired in Fauquier, Culpeper, Madison and Orange Counties. While these leases have expired, if the ban is lifted it will likely be lifted statewide and these areas could be reconsidered for uranium exploration. These leases sat along the Occoquan and Rappahannock Rivers upstream of drinking water intakes for Fairfax County, Orange County, Stafford County and Fredericksburg City.
- Some recent studies have discussed the removal and storage of the uranium tailings and storage underground offers a reasonable risk of damage and exposure. With uranium there is no such thing as a reasonable risk. Additionally, storage underground offers a danger to our aquifer underground water supply.

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Thank You,