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I am writing to you regarding leases that DOE has in Mesa, Montrose and other other counties, uranium leases.

It has been proven that uranium is dangerous, and as energy source it eventually must be replaced with other - sustainable - materials. -Taking it out of the ground in the mentioned areas would be going back in time, to the time we humans were fairly ignorant about side-effects of uranium. Impact of uranium mining on water, wild life, and humans often many miles away has been well documented. So what now with DOE leases that would have the best benefit for long term ?

What is even more of concern is that majority of the uranium mined these days is NO LONGER for defense of the USA, but purely to allow foreign companies to profit by exporting the uranium product, as they stated in public meetings, even to the enemies of the United States.

My recommendation regarding the mentioned DOE uranium leases is as such:

- 1) Cancel the program outright;
- 2) Cancel the program - AND use the land of the mentioned leases to create areas of SUSTAINABLE renewable energy. Solar would most likely be very compatible , as the areas get great sun majority of the year.

Thank you,

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