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President Barrack Obama
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Dear Mr. President,

On your recent European tour, you stated that it was time to have a nuclear-free world, free of nuclear weapons.

Did you know that in the middle of the Upper Great Plains are more than 3,000 abandoned open-pit uranium mines from the late 1960s and early 1970s? The wind carries radioactive dust from these abandoned mines from the middle of the continent to the East Coast and the South. One of these abandoned uranium mines alone covers at least one square mile. The rain and snow also carries radioactive particles down the streams and rivers which empty into the Missouri River and ultimately the Mississippi. This has been happening for more than 40 years!

Wyoming and South Dakota have the most abandoned uranium mines but there are some in Montana and North Dakota as well. These states also contain more than 10,000 old uranium exploratory wells, again from the 60s and 70s. These wells were not capped or filled and have cross-contaminated the ground water with uranium and radioactivity. The ranchers and farmers in this Region rely on wells for their agricultural needs. How much of the water they are using is polluting their farm products which are sent throughout the world?

President Obama, you can do something about this situation. Please, through your Executive Office, declare a moratorium on any more uranium mining until these abandoned mines are uncontaminated and the land is restored, the exploratory wells are filled and capped, and the ground and surface water is once again safe enough to drink.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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