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Green News

Midnite Mine – With energy issues being prevalent in the news Living Green has noticed that mining for uranium is on the rise. Mining Associations are talking about uranium production and trainings are about to begin. New uranium mines are planning to open in the US and in Australia. Meanwhile many advocates remember there already exists a legacy of abandoned and closed uranium mines in First Nation lands like the Black Hills of South Dakota and on the Spokane Indian Reservation where others recall the Midnite Uranium Mine site.

Midnite Mine is a highly contaminated open pit mine that has been declared a Superfund site that has a cumbersome cleanup process yet to be exacted primarily because the funding responsibilities have not been settled.

This mine was operational for 26 years, closed in 1981, and became a superfund site in 2000. In the contamination evaluations, 43 radioactive hot spots were identified with the number one grade ore – uranium – completely extracted and the number two and four grades still exposed. Radioactive contamination has been located along the trucking routes, at the processing site, in the groundwater and flowing through creeks including the popular Blue Creek. The open-pit mine itself is also filled with water partly due to rain accumulation but particularly because the pit penetrates the aquifer which keeps water levels consistent.

After the Superfund was designated, a fence was erected to keep out larger mammals as animals were known to drink the contaminated water. The tribal dumping grounds for all kinds of waste also contain the filters used in the mine

pits, which also have radioactive content. Another loophole that provided for extra contamination was the gravel at the site containing mine tailings that were sold in Spokane and Stevens Counties as materials for roads and driveways.

Green Factoid

The UK directive on Waste Electronic and Electric Equipment (WEEE) went into effect this August. In a lifetime, the average UK citizen discards 15 million mobile phones, 3 million fridges, and 5 million television sets.

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Energy Quiz

For those of you interested in testing your energy IQ try this website:

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/quiz/quiz.htm>

Green Recipe Corner

Herbed Summer Squash Soup

Herbed Summer Squash Soup is good chilled or warm. Add a loaf of crusty bread and you have an earthy and delicious supper.

INGREDIENTS:

3 cups vegetable or chicken broth
3 medium summer squash or zucchini, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill, or 1 teaspoon dried
3/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
Salt and freshly-ground black pepper, to taste

1. In a medium saucepan, place broth, squash, and dill and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce to simmer and cook, uncovered, until squash is tender, between 7 and 10 minutes.

2. In a blender or food processor, puree in batches until smooth, then return soup to the pan and reheat over medium-high. Slowly add the cheese, stirring, until it is melted and incorporated into the soup.

3. Season with salt and pepper to taste. May be served warm or chilled.

Serves 4.



Living Green Certificate of Achievement

Green Factoid

The average desktop computer weighs 24 kilograms and uses about 10 times its weight in fossil fuels, materials and chemicals in its production and operation.

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