ALERT: URANIUM MINING ADS THIS WEEK TO ALERT VIRGINIANS

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Foundation Earth announced the start of a series of radio ads to alert Virginians to new developments on proposed uranium mining in Southside Virginia. The project promoters [Virginia Uranium Inc., which is a subsidiary of Virginia Energy Resources Inc. (VERI)] are now using legal tactics to lift the ban on uranium mining. The lawsuit is designed to legally strip the Commonwealth of its ability to protect its own citizens and safeguard the air, land, and water within its own boundaries.

“The new tactics involve suing the taxpayers of the Commonwealth and demanding that the legislature immediately lift the ban on uranium mining,” said Dr. Brent Blackwelder, Vice Chairman of Foundation Earth.

In August Virginia Uranium sued the Commonwealth of Virginia in US District Court for the Western District of Virginia. The Virginia Attorney General Herring filed a motion to dismiss the case on August 25, 2015.

The majority owners of VERI have used similar legal tactics before, winning a lucrative $30 million award last year for one of their other shell companies from a Canadian court.

The radio ads point out that this lawsuit is being brought by a Canadian company incorporated in Vancouver, British Columbia, not by a Virginia company. The company failed to get the Virginia legislature to remove the uranium mining ban during the period 2011-2013, spending more money lobbying the state legislature than any other company, including Dominion power, the giant utility.

“This lavish spending failed because of the strong opposition from the local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, farmers, conservation groups, and sportsmen,” said Blackwelder. “Virginia Uranium was not able to get its way with contributions, gifts, and trips for lawmakers so now it is attempting “litigation shopping” to mine the taxpayers of the Commonwealth.”

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