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Question/Comment

Moonlight wells permit. I attended the last council meeting and made a public comment then, and I wanted to come tonight but I have been designated as a Covid close contact and have not been tested since being informed, therefore I am not attending to keep everyone in the community who attends safe. My concerns as over the mining near our drinking water. Not just because there is potential for arsenic to contaminate the drinking water of Nome, but also because the area indicated is considered a protected area. An area becomes designated as protected for the long term conservation of that ecosystem. The area around moonlight wells is considered protected and should remain that way. It was given this designated for a reason, to ensure access to food, water, and the continuation of an ecosystem and culture. I fully agree with Charlie leans assessment of this mining endeavor and am against it proceeding.

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