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On March 12 2009 the Provincial Government, Ministry of Energy Mines and Petroleum Resources announced issuance of an order-in-council to prevent permits from being issued for uranium and thorium exploration and development in B.C.

This may be welcome news but the CCKV in its long history of opposing uranium mining has seen numerous flip-flops on the issue from Governments past and present. It remains to be seen what effect the order in council has on the proposed mine in the Kettle headwaters, given that that mine is continuing its legal action against the Provincial Government.

The CCKV will therefore continue to assemble data for a potential class action suit against the Provincial Government and Boss/Blizzard Mines and will continue with other public awareness activities as it is possible that the Governments recent actions are just an attempt to take the issue off the table until after the election and the Olympics.

The Provincial Government's press release follows :

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Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

B.C. STRENGTHENS POSITION AGAINST URANIUM DEVELOPMENT

VICTORIA – Following a request by the Province’s Environment and Land Use Committee, the lieutenant-governor in council has issued an order-in-council to prevent permits from being issued for uranium and thorium exploration and development in B.C.

The order-in-council, issued under the Environment and Land Use Act (ELU Act), complements the policy position issued by the government of British Columbia in April 2008 that it would not support the mining of uranium in British Columbia.

Today’s order-in-council will support that position by preventing the issuance of a permit for the exploration of uranium or thorium, or exempting a person from the requirements for such a permit.

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