



# YELLOW CAKE - THE DIRT BEHIND URANIUM

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## SYNOPSIS

The film accompanies the biggest clean-up operation in the history of uranium mining and takes the viewers to the big mines in Namibia, Australia and Canada. Uranium mining, the first link in the chain of nuclear development, has managed again and again to keep itself out of the public eye. A web of propaganda, disinformation and lies covers its 65-year history. The third largest uranium mine in the world was located in the East German provinces of Saxony and Thuringia. Operating until the Reunification, it had the code name WISMUT and supplied the Soviet Union exclusively with the much sought-after strategic resource Yellow Cake. Until 1990 WISMUT supplied the Soviet Union with 220,000 tons of uranium. In absolute terms, this quantity was enough for the production of 32,000 Hiroshima bombs. For the last 20 years, WISMUT has been making a huge material and financial effort to come to terms with its past, which is an alarming present and future on other continents. For five years,...

## FESTIVALS

DOK Leipzig  
Atlantis-Filmfest Wiesbaden  
Best Documentary at Arktis International Film Festival  
The Kodiak-Award

## CAST AND CREW

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### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Sustainability, Nature/Animals,  
Ecology/Environment, Economy

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

### PREMIERE

Germany (2010)

### LINKS / REFERENCE

<http://www.umweltfilm.de/>

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