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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to strongly urge you to reject the "Draft Policy Statement on the Treatment of Environmental Justice Matters in NRC Regulatory and Licensing Actions." This statement completely fails to resolve or give any acknowledgement to the long history of racial discrimination in decision-making about where nuclear plants, factories, waste dumps, and poisonous industries are to be sited. Rather than capitulating to the nuclear industry, the NRC should thoroughly address the industry's history of siting facilities in minority and disadvantaged communities, with special attention to the particularly odious history of siting such dangerous and toxic facilities on the ancient ancestral homelands of First Nations Peoples in this country. The NRC much finally take a stand to stop racial discrimination in the siting of nuclear plants, as well as making a firm commitment to prevent the construction of environmentally unjust facilities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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