

from: Kenneth HOOKS
to: rlo
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subject: allegation (?) about church rock uranium mill and tailings site

at about 2 pm today, i received a phone call from julie curtiss who works for the navajo superfund program in window rock, arizona. julie and i are both working on groundwater corrective actions for united nuclear corporation's (unc) church rock uranium mill and tailings site near Gallup, New Mexico (docket 40-8907, license sua-1475).

Julie says that she received a "citizen's complaint" from [redacted] concerning activities at the church rock site. [redacted] was employed by unc, [redacted] at the church rock site during [redacted] 7c

[redacted] stated that unc failed to follow procedures concerning handling of yellow cake, and that he is now suffering health problems that may be related to exposure to the yellow cake. He also stated that unc switched exposure records for some employees, may have buried various items from the mill at the church rock site without informing the nrc, and performed site cleanup activities prior to nrc inspections.

[redacted] told [redacted] that he is willing to testify in court to unc activities, but at this time does not want unc to become aware of his statements.

Please advise asap.

Julie asked me for advice on whom she or [redacted] should approach with his concerns. I told Julie I would get back to her tomorrow with advice or a status report on what I was doing. Her telephone number is (520)871-7327.

CC: jjh1

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