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PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

Resolution No. 07-07

Re: Expressing the Pueblo of Laguna's Strong Opposition to Senate Joint Memorial 10 and Calling for its Withdrawal or Amendment.

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Laguna ("Pueblo") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a constitution and all the inherent governmental powers of a sovereign; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV of the Constitution, the Tribal Council is authorized to exercise the inherent powers of the Pueblo; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Laguna was once the site of the largest open pit uranium mine in the country and therefore knows intimately the problems and challenges associated with uranium mining and its aftermath; and

WHEREAS, it took the Pueblo over 10 years to clean up the Jackpile mine during which time the Pueblo was concerned about the long term health risks to its people and environmental impacts associated with the mine; and

WHEREAS, uranium is a human carcinogen and a toxic heavy metal that once disturbed through the mining process can enter the human system as evidenced by the hundreds of uranium workers that have died from mining related illnesses, including lung cancer and kidney damage; and

WHEREAS, potential uranium mine sites are often located near Native American sacred sites, including the area around Mt. Taylor which is a sacred site to the Pueblo and Navajo people; and

WHEREAS, SJM 10 calls upon the department of environment and the energy minerals and natural resources department to collaborate with the New Mexico uranium industry to resolve existing barriers to advance consideration of uranium production in New Mexico; and

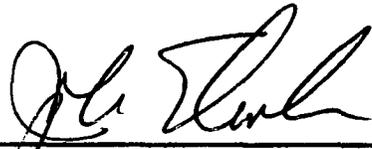
WHEREAS, SJM 10 ignores the need for these state departments and the uranium industry to include in their collaboration the environmental, health, Hispanic and Native American communities that will be impacted by renewed uranium production; and

WHEREAS, SJM 10 ignores the fact that what are called "barriers" to uranium production may be regulatory provisions intended to protect the health, safety and environmental integrity of New Mexico and New Mexicans.

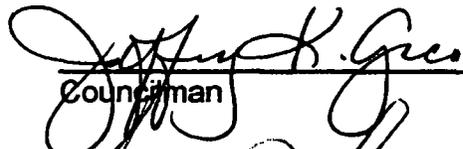
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pueblo of Laguna Tribal Council hereby opposes SJM 10 because it fails to honor the environmental and health protections contained in regulatory and statutory laws governing permitting of uranium production and fails to include the Native American, Hispanic, environmental, and health communities in the collaboration effort aimed at evaluating a resurgence in uranium production in New Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Pueblo of Laguna calls upon the sponsor to either withdraw his memorial or to amend it to require the participation of the Native American, Hispanic, environmental and health communities impacted by uranium production in any review of "barriers" that may exist to the permitting and operation of new uranium mines in New Mexico.

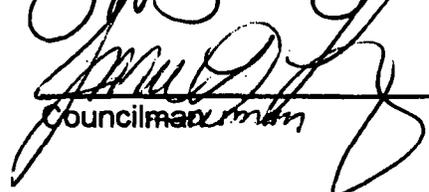
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Governor to take such actions as are necessary to convey this Resolution to the State Senate and House of Representatives.



Governor



Councilman



Councilman

ATTEST:



Secretary

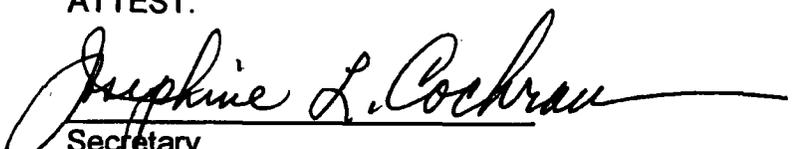
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was enacted by the Tribal Council of the Pueblo of Laguna on the 6th day of March, 2007 by a vote of 19 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, at a duly called meeting at which a quorum of the Tribal Council was present.



Governor

ATTEST:



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PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

Resolution No. 22-07

Re: The Pueblo of Laguna strongly calls upon the federal government to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) Amendments of 2000 on behalf of uranium workers who were employed in the uranium industry after 1971 (Post '71 Miners)

At a duly called meeting of the Pueblo of Laguna Tribal Council, held the 6th day of June 2007, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Laguna ("Pueblo") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a constitution and all the inherent governmental powers of a sovereign; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV of the Constitution, the Tribal Council is authorized to exercise the inherent powers of the Pueblo; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Laguna historically facilitated the Jackpile Mine which grew to be the largest open pit uranium mine in North America and therefore realizes the impact of the nuclear fuel chain to human life; and

WHEREAS, since the closure of the Jackpile Mine history has shown the long term health impacts on uranium workers through exposure levels to toxic radioactive contaminants in the mining and milling processes resulting in the death of hundreds of uranium workers from all types of cancerous related illnesses, kidney damage, and respiratory illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Laguna supports the Laguna Acoma Coalition for a Safe Environment's efforts in presenting a public uranium meeting addressing the RECA Amendments of 2000, and in lobbying for amendments to the RECA Amendments of 2000, which fails to include post '71 uranium workers; and

WHEREAS, abandoned uranium mines are often located on or near American Indian communities like the Village of Paguante we strongly recommend federal and state environmental and health regulating agencies to continue to monitor these sites for dangerous radioactive elements that threaten human health and all aspects of the environment; and

Resolution No. 22-07

WHEREAS, permitting potential new uranium mines and mills being proposed near sacred sites like Mt. Taylor disrupt the spiritual integrity of the mountain and federal agencies may be in violation of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 with regard to Mount Taylor and we reaffirm the All Indian Pueblo Council Resolution 2006-19 "Support for the Protection Of Mt. Taylor And All Sacred Sites and Cultural Properties Related To The Pueblos of Acoma and Laguna and the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico"; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of the Indigenous World Uranium Summit, held on November 30 through December 2, 2006, in Window Rock, Arizona and attended by nearly 400 people from 10 different countries, including Laguna and Acoma people found that past and present generations of Indigenous peoples have been disproportionately affected by uranium mining and milling; and

WHEREAS, uranium mining and milling have not been economically or environmentally sustainable in American Indian and non-Indian communities in New Mexico and throughout United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pueblo of Laguna Tribal Council supports the lobbying efforts of the Navajo Nation, the Laguna Acoma Coalition for a Safe Environment and the Post '71 Uranium Workers Committee to amend the RECA Amendments of 2000 which are as follows: broaden the use of affidavits; allow the combination of work histories; the list of compensable disease should be expanded for miners; extend the time frame of coverage to 1990; compensate those who live with diseases or died from diseases caused by nuclear test site exposure equally with uranium workers logically expand the covered "downwind" counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Laguna Acoma Coalition for a Safe Environment reaffirms the Pueblo of Laguna's resolution 07-07 which strongly opposes Senate Joint Memorial 10 and calling for its withdrawal or amendment because it fails to honor the environmental and health protections contained in regulatory and statutory laws governing permitting of uranium production and fails to include the American Indian, Hispanic, environmental and health communities in the collaboration effort aimed at evaluating a resurgence in uranium production in New Mexico and to reassure that the Pueblo be given free, prior and informed consent when any aspect of uranium production is being considered on or near lands bordering the Pueblo

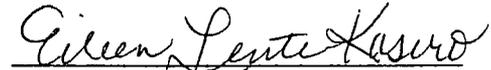
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Laguna Pueblo Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Governor to take such actions as are necessary to convey this Resolution to the Congress of the United States.



Governor



Council Member



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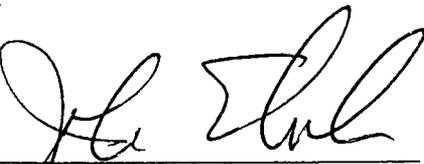
ATTEST:



Tribal Secretary

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was enacted by the Pueblo of Laguna Tribal Council on the 6th day of June, 2007, by a vote of 19 for and 0 opposed, at a duly called meeting at which a quorum of the Council was present.



Governor

ATTEST:



Tribal Secretary

**RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

In support of Radiation Exposure Compensation Act reform
to assure fair compensation for Navajo uranium miners and millers
excerpted from Council Resolution # GSYMY-34-94

The Navajo Nation Council seeks to enact federal legislation in which the following specific items will be included and addressed in Congressional legislation to amend RECA. It is intended that this proposal for legislation will be introduced before the U.S. Congress on behalf of the Navajo Nation.

1. Expand RECA compensation coverage for uranium miners to include financial compensation for other medical conditions associated with uranium mining; including leukemia, all radiation caused cancers, and other radiation related health problems;
2. Increase compensation awards for medical conditions suffered by uranium miners from the present level (of \$100,000 per claim) to \$200,000 per claim;
3. Provide compensation to uranium miners for violation of their constitutional rights, regardless of whether the miner suffers a radiation-related medical condition. (For example, compensation should be awarded to miners who were used in government experiments and studies without their knowledge and consent. As to the amount of claim award: \$20,000 is recommended, as this was the amount awarded to U.S. citizens of Japanese descent who were interned in prison camps during World War II);
4. Reduce the radiation exposure requirement for all uranium miner claims (regardless of whether smokers or not) to a level recognized as doubling the miner's risk of developing lung cancer (i.e. 40 Working Level Months);
5. Eliminate the distinction between smokers and non-smokers for purposes of awarding compensation;
6. Amend RECA's start-date for compensation eligibility to 1940 for claim awards, and allow use of a miner's post-1971 exposure history to satisfy the exposure history compensation requirement;
7. Expand the definition of underground uranium mining to include all underground mines and above-ground, open pit mines in which uranium miners worked;
8. Provide RECA compensation coverage for uranium millers to the same extent and in the same manner that uranium miners are covered;
9. Expand RECA downwinders' fallout compensation coverage to include those areas of the Navajo reservation that were subjected to fallout from the Nevada nuclear weapons testing;
10. Amend the RECA compensation claims process for Navajo claimants to conform to Navajo law, tradition, and custom. (For example, claims should be based on traditional Navajo rights of inheritance where the miner is deceased, or where evidence of marital status is required.)

Statement of Position

We the undersigned parties of common interest of the Four Corners have come together at Farmington, New Mexico on Thursday, October 01, 1998 to state our position on the draft bill of Senator Orrin Hatch to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act of 1990. We stand united on the Redmond Bill # H. R. 3539 "Radiation Workers Justice Act" because it addresses our concerns and was put together by the people effected by radiation as a result of working in uranium mines.

We the undersigned have reviewed the draft bill as presented by Senator Hatch. We have serious concerns with the text of the draft legislation in that it has the effect of seriously compromising or altering legislative components as incorporated into H.R. 3539, therefore are not in agreement with the draft Hatch bill.

We the undersigned request that the October 07, 1998 Judiciary Committee's hearing be postponed and to instead have a field hearing in the Four Corner's area in late November, 1998. We also request that Senator Orrin Hatch, Congressmen Bill Redmond, Congressman Lamar Smith of Texas be present at this hearing.

Attached herewith are copies of resolutions from our respective Native American Tribes, County and State citizens and petitions to prove our position.

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