## STATEMENT TO THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Good evening. My name is Benjamin A. House an Allottee and President of the Eastern Navajo Allottee Association, Inc.

In his new book, THE AGE OF TURBULENCE, Alan Greenspan makes it clear that the Iraq War was "largely about oil." My point is that energy is so necessary in modern society that we will send our sons and daughters to war to fight for it because we do not have sufficient oil here in the states.

This is not acceptable. WE must develop alternatives to this foreign and largely Arabic dependence to oil. One widely acceptable solution is nuclear energy. It is clean and we have the fuel right here at home. Yet there are many who would have nuclear power plants fueled by foreign uranium.

Currently, the country that is increasing its uranium production the fastest is Kazakhstan, Another Arabic Society. Does it make sense for the United States to reduce our dependence on Arabic Oil by developing nuclear power only to increase on dependence on Arabic uranium? Uranium that we can again go to war for someday?

So here is my request to the NRC:

- 1. With hast conduct the Generic Environmental Impact Statement as a matter of energy security.
- 2. Make concrete recommendations that will allow safe development of the country's uranium resources.
- 3. Evaluate the national security implications of continued foreign reliance on oil, and potentially uranium.

Finally, if uranium recovery is not safe, just say so. But if it is safe, also say so. And in the GEIS alternative analysis compare the safety of domestic uranium development with the safety of going to war for energy security.