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Dear NRC,

Re: Draft GEIS

Everyone is biased to some extent. I'm sure that many NRC employees are relatively unbiased, but the agency is not! Mandated bias is still bias.

The fact that the NRC is working to license ISL mining and milling, euphemistically labelled "recovery", in New Mexico and elsewhere embodies your bias. Describing potential environmental impacts as destabilizing "important attributes of the resource" reveals your bias, is threatening to people and makes you suspect. Your goal of legislating a Final GEIS is a tactic to validate ISL and expedite the site-specific licensing process.

My biases:

(1) I don't trust the NRC or the mining corporations to protect the health, welfare and economic stability of we, the residents;

(2) I believe the industry has failed in the past to restore contaminated aquifers to their original baseline water quality;

(3) I believe the quality of groundwaters at Crownpoint, Church Rock and City of Gallup is good-to-high, and for the NRC to permit the deliberate radionuclide contamination of them would be a crime for which no amount of money could compensate; and

(4) I believe our nation's and certainly our local energy needs will be met thru safer technologies, especially geothermal, energy efficiency, solar and wind.

Therefore, I request the NRC reject the ISL technology at this GEIS stage by choosing the "no-action alternative" or, at least, grant a 180-day extension of the comment period for further study.

Sincerely,

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