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Subject: [External_Sender] Cease the planned "cleanup" of Northeast Church Rock mine, and effect REAL cleanup, with community input.

Greetings -

I am writing to urge you to put a stop to the plan to "clean up" the Northeast Church Rock mine by piling mine waste on top of the mill waste where the infamous 1979 Church Rock Spill occurred. This is the largest accidental release of radioactive material in the United States, and its terrible impacts are still being felt by the Diné. Three times as much radiation was cumulatively released there than at Three Mile Island—and yet, because of environmental racism, it is still largely unknown. I have only just learned of it.

I urge you to do these things:

- 1) Deny the License Amendment.
- 2) Work with the Navajo Nation Superfund and the local Red Water Pond Road community as partners, and in a respectful manner, to create a *real* cleanup plan in a timely manner.
- 3) Do not ship waste to White Mesa Mill! This location is just 3 miles from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe's White Mesa community, and on the doorstep of Bears Ears National Monument. It was originally designed to run for 15 years before being closed and cleaned up, but is still in operation 40 years later, and community members are extremely concerned about impacts on their health, along with contamination of their land, air, and water, and the mill's ongoing desecration of their cultural and sacred sites.

Thank you for going about this the right way -

Sincerely,
Karen Kirschling

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