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Hi NRC Officials,

I have learned that the Red Water Pond Road Community Association was founded in 2006 among residents living near the Northeast Churchrock Mine (NECRM), the Quivira Churchrock Mine, and the UNC uranium mill and mill tailings disposal facility. I am concerned to learn that, having occupied the lands for at least 100 years, these people have been exposed to toxic mine wastes since 1969.

I strongly support the RWPRCA's request that uranium mine wastes be removed from their community to a licensed, offsite disposal facility and that their lands and health be repaired and restored. I am opposed to the USEPA and NRC proposal to move 1 million cubic yards of wastes at the NECR Mine to the top of the mill tailings pile, which is unlined and subject to potential effects of flash floods in the Pipeline Arroyo.

Therefore, I recommend that the Health, Education and Human Services Committee support the RWPRCA position and work with the Office of the Navajo Nation President and Vice President to protect the health, lands, and water of the Navajo people for generations to come by consolidating mine wastes in a few safe, monitored locations outside of the Navajo Nation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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