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The July 16, 1979 Church Rock, New Mexico uranium tailings breach was the largest release of radioactive waste in the nation's history. 94 million gallons of liquid radioactive waste permanently contaminated the Puerco River. The NRC wants to grant a license amendment to the company set to dispose of the mine waste, allowing it to dump waste within the Navajo reservation, a cheaper option than disposing of it offsite. This is environmental racism at its worst -- this mine waste MUST be disposed of offsite. We don't ever seem to realize that what we do to others we do to ourselves.

And only the most greedy and callous would agree that the "potential threat waste" designation should be removed from the EIS. It is from potential actions like this that Americans' trust and faith gets eroded and turned into cynicism against all federal agencies. Do NOT remove this designation from the EIS. Truth cannot take second place to profits, especially when its ramifications will affect peoples' health.

Of course, to avoid problems like this in the future, we should be eliminating nuclear technology and leaving its forever-dangerous radioactive materials in the ground where they belong.

Thank you for your consideration,
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