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To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding the proposal for mine owner, UNC, to dispose of contaminated soil from the former Northeast Church Rock uranium mine on Navajo land: NO! NO MORE† !

Please immediately withdraw the DEIS and begin an appropriate process of consideration that includes impacted communities, Navajo Nation agencies and other regulatory bodies-- with the goal of finding acceptable disposal sites OUTSIDE THE NAVAJO NATION and also *not next to* the Navajo Nation. Please DENY GE's application for license amendment that would allow Northeast Church † Rock Mine waste to be dumped on top of existing mine tailings on Navajo land, which would be unacceptable due to erosion from flash floods nearby, thus exacerbating the harm the waste would have on the community. It is impossible to protect such materials from the impacts of such flooding for the requisite 1000 years!

It is decidedly short-sighted and unjust to not consider a site for disposal of contaminated mine waste AWAY from the Navajo Nation, especially after so much harm has been done to Navajo land and communities for so long already.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Antonoplos

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We therefore demand that the NRC and U.S. EPA take the following steps with respect to removal of the NECRM and subsequently Quivira Mine waste:

1. The NRC should withdraw the DEIS from further consideration and instead start a process, in cooperation with impacted communities, Navajo Nation agencies, and other Federal and New Mexico regulatory agencies, and, to look for acceptable disposal sites for AUM and mill wastes in the region that are *outside* the Navajo Nation and not immediately adjacent to the Navajo Nation;

2. The NRC should DENY General Electric's application to amend its license to allow for the consolidation of NECRM waste on UNC mill tailings;

3. Alternatively, all parties responsible for the NECRM waste should collectively relocate the Red Water Pond Road Community to a culturally appropriate location of the community's choosing.

Regards,

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