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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is requesting comments as part of its systematic review for how NRC programs, policies, and activities address environmental justice. Specifically, the NRC would like input on how the agency is addressing environmental justice, considering the agency's mission and statutory authority. The information will be used to inform the agency's assessment of how it addresses environmental justice.

The Albuquerque Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) submits the following statement of our concern for environmental justice in New Mexico:

Minute Regarding Nuclear Issues Approved December 2, 2018
Albuquerque Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Presented by the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns

The Albuquerque Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) stands in opposition to the entire cycle of all activities related to the use of nuclear materials. In the spirit of the Kabarak Call, Sixth World Conference of Friends, Kenya, 2012: "We are called to be patterns and examples in a 21st century campaign for peace and eco-justice..." As residents of New Mexico we are especially appalled by the impact of the entire cycle of the nuclear industry on the health and well-being of us all. The use of nuclear materials for weapons, energy and otherwise, except for limited medical uses, and the entire cycle of uranium mining through ultimate disposal, challenge Friends' deepest beliefs.

From our earliest history Friends have expressed opposition to war and the preparation for war. We as Friends are committed to live in right relationship with Indigenous peoples within whose lands we have come to dwell, to "consider the condition of such who are depressed in answering our demands,"(John Woolman, Plea for the Poor, 1764) and to live as careful and caring stewards of the environment and resources drawn from the land.

The different stages in the cycle of extraction, production, use and disposal of radioactive materials are inseparably connected. Plans and proposals for one part of the cycle have implications for all and cannot be considered in isolation. These interrelated threats to peace, environmental stewardship, right relationship and safety compel Albuquerque Friends to refuse our consent for the following:

1. The mining and extraction of uranium;
2. Development, production or redesign of nuclear weapons;
3. Development or expansion of nuclear power plants;
4. Expansion of the quantity or type of nuclear wastes disposed at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, or any redefinitions of terms that would have the effect of such expansion;

5. Transport of high-level nuclear waste or nuclear materials such as fuel rods, plutonium pits, and similarly radioactive products on roads and railways;
6. Approval of the high-level nuclear waste storage facility proposed by Holtec, Inc. and promoted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, or any other comparable plans for concentrated storage of high-level nuclear waste;
7. Any plans to export domestic nuclear waste for disposal in other countries; or
8. Any other plans or proposals regarding nuclear materials which would endanger the land, air and water of any region, put at risk the health and livelihoods of those proximate to proposed sites, or encourage increased use of nuclear materials for weapons or for energy production.

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