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## General Comment

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission/NRC must admit it has committed environmental racism because most fuel factories, transport routes, nuclear reactors, uranium mining-milling-“enrichment” facilities, reprocessing, and both high and “low-level” waste sites are targeted for or located in/upstream/upwind of low income, rural or inner-city, communities of color. Then the NRC must compensate, cleanup, and repair damage done by previous NRC and AEC licensee actions, VERY IMPORTANTLY, including over 15,000 abandoned uranium mines and the 1979 Church Rock disaster directly impacting indigenous people. The White House EJ Advisory Committee's list of “PROJECTS THAT WILL NOT BENEFIT A COMMUNITY” includes “procurement of nuclear power.”

Be transparent: Make all information available in the primary languages of the communities and provide longer public comment periods to enable more meaningful participation.

Until the COVID-19 crisis with variants passes, extra measures are needed to enable already-over stressed and disproportionately impacted EJ communities to engage.