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## General Comment

On January 27, 2021 President Biden issued Executive Order 14008 titled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad. The White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC) was established to advise and to increase the Federal Government's efforts to address environmental injustice. WHEJAC's efforts will include a broad range of strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory, community engagement, and economic issues related to environmental justice.

On May 13, 2021 WHEJAC listed Examples of the types of projects that would not benefit a community. Number 4 and 5 were

- THE PROCUREMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER
- AND ITS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

WHEJAC recommended in September of 2023 that the federal Government stop supporting nuclear power through loan guarantees and other financial incentives and create plans to decommission all nuclear power plants at the end of their current license terms.

And in order to better understand that nuclear is not carbon free energy, WHEJAC recommends that a thirty-five-thousand-year life-cycle carbon assessment be completed for all nuclear power plants including micronuclear. The study will aim to evaluate their true carbon emissions resulting from

- the building and maintenance of the plants
- mining of uranium
- long term storage and management of spent nuclear fuel.

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) designated 6 Billion in subsidies and 3.5 Billion for research/development for Nuclear Energy. The Build Back Better (BBB) was in for 35 Billion in subsidies. Seems there is no shortage of snake oil in America. The Nuclear Industry has bamboozled the government to decree that nuclear is the elixir of life.