

UNITED STATES

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MEETING WITH NAVAJO MEMBERS OF THE RED WATER

POND ROAD COMMUNITY

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The Commission met at the Shade House, located on Red Water Pond Road, Gallup, New Mexico, at 2:00 p.m. MDT.

COMMISSION CHA'OH YII GONE' A[AH SIL((“
REDWATER POND ROAD DI, NA'N7ZHOOZH7, YOOT)J& NDTSA
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COMMISSION MEMBERS:

COMMISSION DANIL&N7&&' \$&:

CHRISTOPHER T. HANSON, Chairman—A132j8' Sid1h7g77

JEFF BARAN, Commissioner—Atah Sid1

DAVID A. WRIGHT, Commissioner—Atah Sid1

ALSO PRESENT:

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JONATHAN NEZ, President of the Navajo Nation—[Din4 Binanit'a'7](#)

EDITH HOOD, Red Water Pond Road Community Association—[Red Water Pond Road j77 Da' 1h0t'2'7g77](#)

VALINDA SHIRLEY, Executive Director, Navajo Nation EPA—[Din4 Biw11shindoonj7 K4yah Bik'i'1d44st'99'j7 A132j8' sid1h7g77](#)

P R O C E E D I N G S

!{AH ALEEH YILWO{:

2:01 p.m. MDT

Naakidi')olki[go

MR. LYNCH: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Merv Lynch, and I'm going to ask everyone to give me your ears for a few minutes, as we do some opening of the meeting right now.

MR. LYNCH: Y1'1t'44h a[n7n7'3, S1anii d00 Hast077 kwii honoh [0n7g77. Sh7'

Merv Lynch yinishy4. &7s7n0[ts'33' nih77n7sh keed doo , kw4'4 l[ah aleeh

22'1ln44h gi k'ad.

The front row seats are specifically designated for Committee members.

Bik11''dahasd1h7 al32j8' sinil7g77' 488 Commissioner
n7l7n7g77 b1 sinil.

Red Water Pond Community members, please take your seats at the front.

Red Water Pond Road d00h no[7n7g77 kodi' t'11' 1l32j8'
bik11'1sd1h77 bik11'di nih1 haz3.

(Translation of Native language spoken: Come, Come up.)

(Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. H1go, h1go kodi)

Again, we do have some public health orders in place on Navajo Nation. All of you are required to wear a mask while inside of this facility and remain a good six feet apart, if possible. It is okay if families of the same household are allowed to group together in certain spots, wherever you are at.

Din4 bik4yah bik11'gi t'ah dii ats'77s 1h1n7go' bik'i' 1d44s

t'99'. T'11' In0[tsoh nih7 ch99h d00 z44' g0maa' bik'4'4sti' d00 hast'33' ad44s eez
 In7zah a[h22h noa[deeh. T'11 bi[dah n7highan 7g77 sh99' 477 t'aa bi[dah nah7
 s00 t3h ndi t'11'1ko.

So, the weather is delightful here today, and we are
 welcoming all of you here. Thank you for coming and participating today.

TI'0odi t'11'1yis77 h0zh0n7 d77j8. &nda kwii nihisoh kai h7g77,
 d00 lad66' nihaa noh y1h7g77 d0' ah4hee' atah ld7d77 nilti'.

And again, if the Red Water Pond Road Community
 members could come to the front of the room and occupy these front row
 seats?

Red Water Pond Road gi k44hot'7n7g77 kodi nih1 haz3, 11d00
 dinooh b88h.

We had asked that guests, non-community members, kind
 of take up positions on the outer perimeter.

&nda h1ld66' dah ni haa noh y1h7g77' 47 nigh47j7 go binaa'g00
 dinoh b88h.

So, we're welcoming the Nuclear Regulatory
 Commissioners here today. And, you know, keeping with Navajo customs,
 we're going to open up with a prayer. And the prayer will be offered by one
 of our local dignitaries, Mr. Jonathan Perry.

Kw4'4 Nuclear Regulatory Commission nih47 y7kai d77j8' t'11
 nih7' 1'iil7n7gi' 1t'10 sodizin bee' 22'1diiln77[, Jonathan Perry nihi naat'lanii
 kw4'4 sodizin 77 dool77[.

MR. PERRY: Good afternoon, everyone.

(Translation of Native language spoken: Greetings.)

And if everyone can please bring your attention to the

program up front, please? We're going to get started here.

MR. PERRY: Y1'1t'44h a[n7'n7'3 t'11' 1no[tsoh.' (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. Y1'1t'44h) T'11' 1no[tsoh kodi da'77s7no[ts'33' ch'4'4' txiin di baa dahwii d7 noh t'7[iii, hahal zhiish k'ad.

Visitors, please, everyone, pay attention in this location. We are on a scheduled timeframe. We have the community members that wish to have time to speak later on. So, we would like to give them that time. Please be courteous, as visitors to Red Water Pond Community.

Nooh y1h7g77 t'11sh0od7 kodi baa hwiid7 n0h t'88[ii oolki[binaj8' sinil go' 1t'4, kod00 ha ho dood zihii h0l0, Din4 kod00 nihi[ni9 kwii d0' oolki[gi 7nda hoo tah noh y1 kwe'4.

(Translation of Native language spoken: Greetings my relative and my people for inviting me here and I'm Jonathan Perry, from Crownpoint, (NM) I'm of the Bittewater born for the To'aheadl7inii.)

(Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. Y1'1t'44h, shik'47 d00 shidine'4 shi da' so[nii' kwii, sh7 488 Janathan Perry yinishy4, Ts'is ts'oz7 d66' nash1; T0 d7h'7inii nish[7 d00 t'0 aheadl98nii b1sh7shch88n)

We'll go ahead and begin our program with a prayer.

D77' 1lah alech kwe'4. sodizin bee' 22'1diiln7[

Everyone, if you can please remove your hats and your caps, please, for the prayer?

T'11'1n0[tsoh nihi ch'ah nahj8' ko[44h t'1ash00d7.

(Traditional Navajo Prayer opening: Not translated out of respect)

(Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'; Din4 ho[7198 go doo bi sodizin bik'ih nij7 n77[da)

We do have visitors here. Lord, we ask you to be with our members here, as we discuss important issues regarding our homeland here. We ask for the blessing, for you to be with us, as we have our important discussions here. We ask you to be with our visitors who have made time to be with us here today as well.

Kwii nihaa da'isdee' k==h, Diyin d77 k00h nihi Din4'4 bi[h0n7 l-0 doo, t'aadoo le'4' bee'lnlhwit'44hii nihi k4yah bik11' g00 baa y1deil ti' go k00h Nihi k'ih j7 dl77 go, nihi[h0n7l00 go nihi' di [11h7g77 na bik'7 y1 deilti' go, &nda nihaa n7y1anii d0' bi[hon7l0o doo kwii atah t'11doole'4 nik'ih y1[ti' go d77j8.

We ask you to allow us the strength and knowledge that we need to have these discussions. We ask you to be with each and every one of our community members and everyone here and those on the way.

Nihi dziil go d00 baa y47ti'ii nih1 bik'i' di doo t'99[d00 ni di doo y44[. Kwe'4 nihi Din4'4 dah h0l00n77 d00 ni haa n7y1a nii d00 nihi ch'8' yi g11[ii bi[ho n7 h0l0 do.

We ask you to give us the understanding we need to have and fulfill a good day before us. We ask you to calm these winds, Lord. We ask you to grant us this opportunity to make this space because this is our Mother Earth, Lord.

Bik'izh doot'9[7gi' 1t'10 nihi[dah hodoo nih gi n7di diil l4[. D00 d77 Niyol7g77 d0' ni' k0n7 l44h. Ni' asdzaan nihim1' 1t'4ego biniinaa k00h b1' bee'an1 hwii t'44hii nabik'ih y47l ti', nih1 hoo'a'7g77 b22h.'

We ask you to go forth and be with this discussion we're planning on today.

K0d00 nihi l32j8 h0n7l00go kwe'4 baa y47l ti'ii nee'nij8' hoo di[go bihwit'11[doo.

We ask for these blessings from the East, from the South, from the West, and from the North, from our sacred mountains.

D77 n7n77 keed ha'a'ah d66', sh1di'11h d66' e'e'aah d66' d00 n1hook= d66' nihi dziil diyin go n7nil d66'

(Translation of Native language spoken: Mount Blanca, Mount Taylor, San Francisco Peaks, Mount Hesperus.)

(Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'; Sis naajin7, tsoh Dzi[, Doo k'o' sos [77d, d00 Dib4 Ndtsoo])

We ask for beauty around us. We ask for beauty before us.

Nihi n11 d66' t'11' a[tsoh h0zh0o doo, nihi tsihj8' h0zh00 dooh

Lord, we ask for all these things, and we pray for those who (audio interference).

D77 n7n7keed d00 d77 b1 sodiilzin...(saad doo b44 hozin da kwe'4)

(Translation of Native language spoken: In Harmony it is finished; repeated 3 more times.) (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. H0zh0 n1h1sdl99', d00 t1adi bee ha'oodz77' n11n1)

With that, visitors, I guess you can take your seats here.

K'1d sh99h kwii nooh y1h7g77 daats'7 dah n7dino b88h.

And we understand, with the weather, it's hard to get everyone to hear what we're saying, but, please keep your attention to this location for our program and our visitors and our speakers here today.

Baa'1ko niidzin t[0odi y4ego niyol7g77 b22h doo hazh0'0 hodiits'a' dah ndi ts'7d1 t'11 koj8' t'477 baahwii n7t'98nii' 77s7n0[ts'33' doo y1daati' go.

Thank you. ---Ah4hee'.

MR. LYNCH: (Translation of Native language spoken:
Thank you, Mr. Perry.)

MR. LYNCH: (Din4 bizaad bee' ata' n1hoolne' kwe'4. Ah4hee',
Mr. Perry)

Moving along, we are seating everyone at the front of the room. These are the Commissioners of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission: Chairman Christopher T. Hanson, Commissioner Jeff Baran, and Commissioner David A. Wright.

Naas hoolzhish, United State Nuclear Regulatory Commissioner
dah di nib88h kwe'4; A132j8 dah sid1, Christopher T. Hansen, Atah Sid1, Jeff Baran,
Atah Sid1, David A. Wright

Continuing on with some other housekeeping matters, Navajo Speakers, please see Ms. Joanne Many-Goats here on the stage in the back. We have 30 transmitters to assist Navajo speakers with translation today. So, please make use of the service which has been furnished by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

N11s n11n1, Din4 bizaad t'47 agh1 bee y1[ti' go, koj8 Joanna
Manygoats baa doh1[; ata' hane' nlyii 11h7g77 t1diin Nuclear Regulatory
Commissions nih1 yisnil d77j8, [a' chii do[ii].

We are very fortunate today to have some toilets onsite. The closest toilet, if we didn't have one, would be at the Fire Rock Casino, some 20 minutes away. And the toilets were furnished by the vendor C&E Toilets. The delivery man's name was Jesus. So, we've got to say, "Thank you, Jesus." today.

T'11' 1yis77 bii' y1h an7daji kah7 t[oo' di sinil, 1din go' 477

nighei Fire Rock di naadiin dah alzhin di ‘1n7zah di t’477 yah an7da jikah7 da h010 doo 1aj7’. C&E d00 da’7n77sh d00 yee’77j44’, Hasus jooly4ego kwe’4 nih1 jin7y88h, ah4hee’ Hasus dah hodii’n7i doo.

(Laughter—baa da joodloh.)

And the weather's not going to improve. I did read the weather announcement today, and it said that it may blow up until 3:15, God willing.

T[‘0odi 1hoot’4h7g77’ sh99h doo ni’ 1doon77[da, baa’77[ta’ go t1adi oolki[go daats’7 7nda ni’ k0 doo n7[ha’n7, diyin 77n7zin goo sh99h.

And there's water and refreshments in the back of the room. Please help yourself.

N7 l477’ h0n7idi t0 d00 yist’477 y1zh7 [a’ nih1 sinil.

Don't mind Blue Eyes, the dog. He's one of the community members, too.

\$7 [44ch’33’7 ‘477 t’11 kod00 atah k44hat’9, bini’ naagh1.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: (Translation of Native language spoken: Greetings. Good morning, yes, it's past the noon hours. Greetings to all my relatives. I'm Valinda Shirley, [Identifies her traditional Navajo clans] I'm from Rock Point, AZ. My relatives, greetings, and thank you for coming out to this meeting. I'm the Executive Director for Navajo EPA. I'm very thankful for all of you coming out to this meeting; our agenda today is here, there's much to cover on the agenda.)

(Din4 bizaad k’ehj7 ata’ hane’. Y1’1t’44h, y1’1t’44h ab7n7, aoo’, a[n7’n7’32 d00 n7woshj8’ oolki[, shi k’477. Sh7’ 47 Valinda Shirley yisnishy4, [D00ne’4 yaa hoolne’ kwe’4] Ts4 ndtsaa deez1h7 d66’ nash1. Din4 biw11shindoon Kyah bik’i’ adeest’99 j8’)onish7g77 Bil32 j8’ s4dah. T’11’ 1y7s77 baa’ah4 sisin

kwe'4 noo y1h7g77 d77j8' 13'7da baa n1h0 doot'88[7g77 a[k44' sinil)

The Commissioners, the Nuclear Regulatory Commissioners, go ahead and introduce themselves at this time.

Aaj7 Nuclear Regulatory Commissioners sh99h kod00 nihi ch'8' 77shj11n 1da'dil n44h d00

CHAIRMAN HANSON: Thank you, Director Shirley.

My name is Chris Hanson. I'm the Chair of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

CHAIRMAN HANSON: Ah4hee'. Naat'1anii Shirley.

Sh7' 477 Chris Hanson yinishy4. Shi al32j8' dah s4da U.S. Nuclear regulatory Commission b1.

I'd like to thank Director Shirley and President Nez, Ms. Hood, and all the other members of the Red Water Pond Community for having us here today.

Ah4hee' Naat1anii Shirley d00 Naat'1anii Nez d00 Sa1nii Hood, 7nda Red Water Pond Road j7 k44h dahot'7n7g77 kwe'4 d77j9 nih1 da ho[a' 7g77

We recognize the importance to the community and to the Navajo Nation of this interagency federal issue that's in front of us with regard to the Northeast Church Rock Mine and Mill Site. I think, as a Commission, we recognize the importance, the vitalness of the government-to-government relationship that we have with the Navajo Nation.

Baa' 1k0 niidz99't'11' '1yis77 kwe'4 [eetsoh haag44d n7t'44' Northeast Churchrock Mine d00 [eetsoh yik'1h n7t'4 gi naa' 1[ah yiidleeh, W11shindoon d00 Din4 kwe'4 k44hat'7n7g77 &nda Din4 Biw11shindoon 7nda yaa' 1[ah yileeh gi, '77noh sin y66h gi' 1t'10 hoo'a' d77j8; a[ch'ish d66' bee' 1daa' 1h0 niidz99' 1' o[88[igi., baa hast'i'go nihi d1h gi si8'1n7g77

As we discuss today, we want to recognize the long history that the Navajo Nation has here in this country and in this space, on this land, and the significance, environmental and human tragedy of uranium milling and mining that's occurred here over the decades.

Baa'1ko niidz99' h1d33' sh99h kwe'4 Din4 bik4yah bik11'gi nihighan, kwe'4 haz3 n7gi, k4yah chii no[9, k00h nihin1ag00 neezn1 dikw77 dish sh99h a[k'ih ni n1 h1 h11h go [eetsoh haag44d d00 yik'11h go bits'33 d00 t'i' hoon77h bi[silla go bii' naah kai go hoolzhish.

We wanted to come out and hear directly from people in the community about the issues facing us at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. And I want to thank, again, everyone for welcoming us to your home. We look forward to hearing your stories and your concerns.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission niid17n7g77 t'11 kodi diikah d00 nih33h d00 nihizaad da di dii ts'7[da dii' niid h1'1t'9911 ah da dooh n7ill niidzin go. Ah4hee' kwe'4 nihighan gi nih1 hoo[a' d00 nihi'dii[1h7g77 d00 nihi[lhoot'4h7g77 bee' a[hi[ni da hodiil nih

And thank you very much.

Ah4hee' ndtsaa go.

COMMISSIONER BARAN: Hi. My name is Jeff Baran. I'm one of the Commissioners at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

COMMISSIONER BARAN: Y1'1t'44h Sh7' 488 Jeff Baran yinishy4, Atah S4d1 Nuclear Regulatory Commission bi[.

Thank you for hosting us today at the Shade House. It's an honor to be here with President Nez and Valinda Shirley, and to spend time with the Red Water Pond Road Community.

Ah4hee' kwii chaha'oh bii'yi gi nih1 hoo[a' d77j9. Baa 'ah4

niidzin kwe'4 Naat'lanii Shirley d00 Din4 binaat'lanii bi[honid1=, d00 kwe'4 k44
hot'7n7g77 Red Water Pond Road gi.

The uranium contamination in and around the Navajo Nation is a tragedy. It should never have happened.

{eetsoh bideez la' bee'an1 hwiit'4h7g77 kwii Din4 bik4yah
bik1 l'gi kanah kai h7g777 baa' at'7 n7 d7 nish dleeh, ts'7d1 doo' 1doo n7[da n7t'44'

I started working on these issues in 2007, as a staffer for Congressman Henry Waxman, who at the time chaired a House oversight committee. After he held a hearing on the contamination, the federal government finally started to take some coordinated action. Of course, there is still a huge amount of work to do.

Naaki di dim77l d00 bi'aan tsos ts'id yihah d33' bi d4sh nish d77
l[22' 1t'4ego bee' 1n1 hwii t'4h7g77, N11t'lanii Henry Waxman woly4ego b1 nash
nish d33' 77d33'Ay477 Hoghan j7 Oversight Committee—[T'11 dool4'4 nida
doolkah gi / bii' da d7doo t'99[i gi da bi' onish] 112j8' y1 dah sid1a go. B11' 1[ah ni
da' azl99' go 7nda Kin1h1lgai d66' da'a hiil tsood go yida desh nish; ndi d77j89 di
ts'7d1 [3'7 naanish t'ah doo' 1n44h da..

I had the chance to meet Edith Hood at that time. Larry King also testified, along with Phil Harrison from Red Valley, and Ray Many-Goats from Tuba City. Stephen Etsitty represented the Navajo Nation EPA.

&7d33 Edith Hood b44 hos4s88d, d00 Larry King, 11di hoolne',
Phil Harrison K'aabizhii d66' d00 Ray Manygoats T0nahnees d7z7 d00h; Stephen
Etsitty 47 Din4 Biw1 lshindoon K4yah Bik'i ades t'99' j7 y1 n7y1.

The testimony, the stories were so powerful. I've seen dozens and dozens of congressional hearings over the years, and I've never seen anything like the reaction I saw that day. Members of Congress were

angry, sad, and ashamed of the federal government's failures, and I felt the same way.

Dah hane'7g77 ts'7d1 ay00h bi dziil go na'i[n1. Ts'7d1 l3'7 a[k'ih di t'32go baa' a[ah nida' azl99' 77d33' d00 t'00'aha y077 Kin1h1lgai di Naat'lanii yah ln7daakah7g77 nidah bi[n1ago bee' baa'lko niiz99' ne'; Kin1h1lgai di N11t'lanii yah an1d11h7g77 doo yaa bi[dah0zh0o da, yik'eeh b1daha chx8' d00 bi W11shindoon yaa y1 da niiz99' ne' sh7' d0' t'11' 1k0shii laa ne'.

Today, we're here to listen to you. We want to hear your concerns, your stories, your views, your ideas. Thank you for taking the time to meet with us. We appreciate it.

D77j7, 47 nih7' 77diil ts'9[nihi ts'32 d00. Nihi' dii[1h7g77, bik'eh kah nao h1 h7g77 baa hane', ldaa t'4egi baa' 1k0 noh sin7g77, d00 k0 j0l44h noh sin gi da baa ho do[nih. Ah4hee' a[ah yiidleeh 7gi baa' 1h4 nidzin.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Good afternoon.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Y1'1t'44h a[n7'n7'3.

My name is David Wright, and I'm one of the Commissioners.

Sh4' 477 Davide Wright yinishy4, Atah S4d1.

And I want to thank you personally for your hospitality and welcoming us here to your home.

Shi d0' kwe'4 nihi ghan gi nih1 dahoo[a'7g77 baa' ah4 niiz99'.

We are here, as you've heard, to listen to you. I'd like to hear all of your stories. I'll be here as long as I need to be here with you. We're not in a rush.

Dah nih77 diilts'9[biniy4 niikai kwe'4. Niha hane' n7di desh [44h nisin; haa sh99h nizah j8' k00h nih77 s7niil ts'33' go nih7s4l d1a do. Doo ts'7[niidl98

da.

So, hopefully, we'll get some good outcomes from this. I really want to learn about what has been going on out here for all these years. I'm new to the system, new to the process. So, for me, this is very educational, and I really appreciate it.

Haa sh99h neel33' sh99h nidiil y1a doo nisin. Ts'7d1 l1 ha'1t'77h baa na'al deh l1 nisin dikw77 sh99h n11 h1h11h d33. Sh7' 477 d77 k0t'4h7g77 doo ts'7d1 shi naanish 7sh [aah da, biniinaa b7hwii desh l1[gi baa' ah4ninin..

MS. HOOD: Good afternoon, everyone.

We're here with the NRC. You can go ahead and ask them questions in a few minutes.

MS. HOOD: Y1'1t'44h A[n7'n7'3, t'11'1n0[tsoh.

NRC bi[1[ah niidl9. Kod00 na'7d7kid bich'8' nidoh ni[hod77na'go.

But we, as Red Water Pond, finally organized back in 2007 because of all the contamination and stuff that the mining people left behind, and it's affected Mother Earth. It's affected human health. And I always think that people died probably never knowing what it was that did that to them.

*ndi nih7 Red Water Pond Road gi k44hwiit'7n7g77 naadiin Naadiin d00 bi'aan tsosts'id d33 da'a hiil tsood kwii k4yah h00chx=' d00 k4yah nihiml Ni'asdzl1n, bii' d00 ha'oo geed gi t'0 bik'ih daz neez ch33' go biniina.; Nihl ts'77s y47n7s t'88d. T'0 baa nits4s kes go Din4 ldaadin7g77 da sh2' yid ts'32d00' l1din sil9'7g77 daats'7 doo bi[b44 hozin da nisin [eh.

But I'm glad that you all are all here to listen to us again. And we're just asking for, you know, the basic human right to have a clean home, clean environment, clean water, clean air. That's what we're asking

for.

Akondi shi[y1't'44h kwe'4 nihiso kai n11 danih77 d0[ts'7].
Ts'7d1 B7la'asdlaii Bee B1'adahazt'i'ii t'47 baa y47 t'i' basic rights yi[n7. haghan
binaag00 leezh y1't'44h, haghan bee had4t'47 y1't'44h go, t0 yid132nii y1't'44h
goo choo'7go, n7[ch'8 y1't'44hii bi[adziidziih go. J0' 488 t'47' agh 1' 11h dii'n7.

But, somehow, the dollars get in there, and they'll tell you,
“We can't do that. It's too much money.” So, so far, we're still fighting
against with the Navajo agencies, the federal government. That's what we're
doing.

H11sh99h yid't'4ego j0 b4eso dah 1k0ne' 1d7n7' d7dzi[, d00
'47d7 '47 doo' 1198da naa nihi' di' nih. B4eso t'00'ahay077 b33h 719 ha'n00h.
T'ahdii Din4 Biw11shiindoon d66', Kin n1h1lgai d66' bi[da'ah77 n771 b11h. K0t'10
baa neikai.

So, thank you very much.

Ah4hee' l33h.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: And I wanted to also introduce to
you Ms. Seraphina Nez. Here on the Navajo Nation, we have a Uranium
Remediation Advisory Commission, and then, she's a member of that
Commission.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY:: !1d00 Seraphina Nez d0' nihi ch'8'
77shj11n 1sh[44h, Kwii Din4 bik4yah bik11'gi Uranium Remediation Advisory
Commission woly4ego atah dasid1.

Do you want to introduce yourself?

&7ssh j11n 1'd7ln44h.

MS. B. NEZ: (Translation of Native language spoken:
Greetings, I'm Seraphina Nez [Identifies her traditional Navajo clans], I'm from

Black Mesa, AZ. We serve on the Commission; we've yet to be re-appointed; however, we're still advocating on behalf of our people. I'm very compassionate about my work. I'm empathic about your issues and concerns as a member of the Uranium Commission from the central agency.)

(Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane. Y1'1t'44h, sh7' 477 Seraphine Nez yishnishy4, [ad00ne' baa hojoolne'] Dzi Yijjin Commission atah dahs4d1, ndi t'ahdoo nihi k'44h ho diin77h dah ndi t'ah Din4 b1 y1deelti'. Shi naanish t'11' 1yis77 bee' k'4d7 nisin bee' nijil nishgo, ako nihaa k'4d7 nisin nihi[1hoot'4h7g77 d00 bik'eh kah naoh kaih7g77 da shi naanish Ch'7n7l88' d66' b1 naash1).

And my mother is a grassroots organizer, and she's still pushing the effort to have some cleanup done because it's taken eight of her children, as well as her husband and her father. So, that tells me that I've been in the shoes of what the community are going through as well. So, I still speak for my people. I speak on behalf of my people because I have been exposed to it myself as well.

Shim1' 477 t'11 nigh47di k44hat'7n7g77 yi[da'ahiil tsood 11j7 binaanish a[d0' t'ah y4ego k4yah d1lchx=' g00 yaayl[ti' ha'l[ch7n7 tseeb77 haa neidii'ni[go 7nda ha hastx88n d00 hazh4'4 d0' 1din sil99; go biniinaa. D77 binaj8' shi[b44 h0zin k00h baa n7 dao t'7 n7g77, t'ah dii nih1 y1shti'. T'11 sh7' a[d0 b44 s4y1 h7g77 d0' biniinaa k00h binaash1.

And thank you.

D00 ah4h44'.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: And then, Edith, is there anybody else?

DIRECTOR SIRLEY: Edith, [a'7sh han1 ln1 dziih?

MS. HOOD: Maybe our lawyer, Eric Jantz.

MS HOOD: Nihe' agha'diit'aahii, Eric Jantz.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: Eric, would you like to say a few words, too?

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: Eric, hani dziih 7sh?

MR. JANTZ: (Translation of Native language spoken: Greetings.)

MR. JANTZ: (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'; Y1'1't44h,)

Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Eric Jantz. I am the Senior Staff Attorney at the New Mexico Environmental Law Center.

Y1'1't44h a[n7'n7'3 t'11' 1n0[tsoh. Sh7' 47 Eric Jantz yinishy4/Y00t0oj7 Environmental Law Center n7zaad g00 bi[nishish nish agha'diit'aahii nish[9.

I have worked with the Red Water Pond Road Community since 2011, and I've worked with other communities here in Church Rock and throughout the Eastern Navajo Agency for over 20 years. And I'd like to share some of my observations with you over these last 20 years.

Naadiin d00 bi'aan [a'ts'ladah yihah d33' Red Water Pond Road gi k44hat'7n7g77 bi[nashnish d00 dikw77sh99h d0' bi[nidashnish kwe'4 Churchrock d00 ha'e'aah j8' go nah0sa' g00 naadiin shi n1lhah bi[nashnish go.

So, clean air, clean water, clean land, and cultural expression, as Edith said, are human rights. And these are rights that are embodied in international treaties that the United States has duly signed and ratified. The principles also manifest themselves in the domestic law, civil rights law, and in treaties with individual sovereign Indian nations, tribal nations.

lko n7[ch'7 y1'1't44h7g77, t0 y1'1t'44h7g77 k4yah bileezh

y1'1't'4h7g77, d00 B7la'asdla'ii be'0'ool88[jii yee' 1daat'488 dah yool44h d00 choo'99go yee'1t'4. Edith 1n7n7 gi' 1t'10 B7la'asdla'ii b1 Bee'1h00t'i. D77 Asdladiin k4yah a[hii' sinil7g77 (USA) d77 B7la'asdla'ii Bee B1' Adahazt'i'ii k4yah t'11 s8'32 n7t'44 yee' a[gha' da dest'3 Bee Haz32nii 1t'4ego' 7i9. T'11 d77' Bee Haz32nii d0' Bee'Haz32nii biy1zh7, Bee Haz32nii)och'99d d00 doo' A[he[t'4ego Bee B7la'asdla' bee bini' doonish gi bich'33h sil11go bi[n7ti'. B7k1g7 Y7sht['azhii bee' bi[a[gha' da' d4es t'1an7g77 naaltsos bii'i dan7t'i'go Bee Nahaz3.

The NRC, though, over the course of its history, has routinely violated these rights and continues to do so. In the context of historic waste, we see the results of NRC's human rights abuses right here in the Red Water Pond Road Community. The UNC Mill Site just down the road is the locus of the worst nuclear disaster in the U.S. history, and it still hasn't been cleaned up.

NRC ni, ts'7d1 agh1ago nah d66' hool zhish go t'aa'ah33h kot'10)och'99d j7 bich'11h Bee Nahaz32nii t'0 k'ihit'99h kwe'4 B7la'asdla'ii bi[haz3n7g77 bee' 1n7t'9 d77j98 di' 1k0n7[9. D77 [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed y66h bee' 1n7[9, Deilts'3h, kwe'4 Red Water Pond Road haz3n7gi. .UNC [eetsoh yik'1h11 gi nigh477 g00 bee'1j7t'9 hoolzhish d66' bi k'ee ka'ool dah t'ah doo ndi nahj8' k0j7 l44h dah d77j99 di.

Shuffling uranium waste around within the community is no remedy for the human rights violations that have happened over the years. NRC's permissive treatment of licensees is the foundation of the NRC's human rights abuses in this context.

T'0 [a' a[y007j8' [eezh [eetsoh bi[haageed y66' t'11 kwe'4 naas n7dazh di jiih go hool zhish Bee Haz321nii k'7h dah jii t99h go b44h0zin go B7la'asdla'ii t'i' dah00 n77h. NRC t'0 Naaltsos bik'ehgo ni'doo nish7g77 [a'

a[y007 b1 bee [3h nida'jii [eeh go hool zhish, ts'7d1 kwe'4 NRC Ooch'99d bee nijl nish b7la'asdla'ii bik'ihj8' 1t7' dooln77[bee' 1j7t'98go Bill'asdla'ii kah naakai.

So, for example, freely granting ACLs, Alternative Concentration Levels, to licensees -- and I'm unaware of any time in which the NRC has refused ACLs, has denied ACLs -- is an example of how the Nuclear Regulatory Commission consigns communities like Red Water Pond Road across Indian Country to groundwater sacrifices.

T'0 naaltsos bee l3' adoolee[jii bee l3 ni'jii[eeh go hool zhish, kwe'4 naaltsos saad bik1'7g77 [ah go' 1n7 dool n7[ha'n7n7 g77 da n11s joo ni[, Baa'1ko nisin go ts'7d1 t'ah doo [a' naaltsos dooda doo l3 dah bi ji n7n7 da, t'0 bee l3'1 jo [ee]. Nuclear Regulatory Commission t'0 kwe'4 Red Water Pond Road gi d00 n7l1 g00 Bik1g7 Yisht['izhii bi[hon7'32 g00 d77 B7la'asdla'ii t0 nida hachxoooh go h7g77 da da bit0' go bi[nahaz3, t'11' 1k0 n44h go t'0 h0ni' jin7 zooh.

Secondly, allowing licensees to put up a fence, and then, walk away -- again, consigning communities like this to a lifetime of contamination.

Naaki g0ne'4, Naanish ha y7[wod y66h a[tsoh b1 nida'anish go t'0 nida' azh nish gi bin7' da' al t'iih go nah g00 hidi k11h, ha das geed y66h t'11'1k00 naazjaa' go d77 bits'33 d00 bil1' asdla'iii kahi di k11h {eetsoh bidezla' bits'33 d00.

Requiring meaningful and front-line community-driven cleanup is critical to remedying the human rights associated with historic uranium mining and processing.

Hazh0'0 '1dooln7[go' 47 d77 kwe'4 k44hat'7g77 t'11b7 k4yah n7doolzoo[n7n7g77 yee naaz9n7g77 bik'eh g00' 1ho doo77[go d00')och'88d bik'eh kah na'aldeeh7g77 ni' k0doo n7[kwii [eetsoh hadas geed7g77 d00 naaltsos t'0 bee l3'oolee[7g77 d0' dinii t['00'.

So, listen to and believe the community when they talk to you. Their expertise is unlike the expertise of anybody else. Living for generations in communities that are impacted by uranium development grants a particular privilege of expertise to the folks who live there.

Biniinaa, da'77s7n0[ts'33' kwe'4 k44ha t'7n7g77 nihi ch'8' ha da ha dziih go, y4ego y11' 1k0n7zin7g77, 7nda y7da hoo[33'7g77 d00 y4n1s kai h7g77 '1daat'9 go doo bin1[t'4eda yeeh ha doodzih7g77. Bii' haghan go, bii niiji gh1a go a[k'44'oo ch77[go, [eetsoh bi deezla' b44 j7 gh1ago 1t'4e gi d00' 1'o[88[gi bee nihi[da hoo doonih d77 binaj8' da'77 do[ts'99[.

Secondly, ACLs should be the exception, as intended, rather the rule. And more locally, we ask that you put the UNC license amendment process on hold and consult with tribal, state, and federal governments, and front-line communities to evaluate the viability of a regional uranium waste repository.

1kone', Naaltsos bee l3' adoo lee[]7g77 t'1adoo t'0 bee l3 o[ee[7, j0 11j7 doo Bee Haz1anii bi[n7t'1' dah. D77 biniinaa naaltsos [ahgo' saad nidook'as ha'n7n7g77 1[ts4 nahj7 ni dool tsos 1ko Bik1g7 Yisht['izhii bi[hon7'3n7g00, Ndtsaa ha da hasdzoh7g77, d00 W11shndoon t'11 [ahj8' a[ah doo lee[go nay7k'7h y1da doo tih, !di k00h k44hda ha t'7n7g77 kwe'4 [eetsoh leezh bi[ha das geed7g77 k0 t'10 nah g00 k0 dool n7[d77niih j7 b1 d7 n00l88[h11'7da t'11 [1h1j8' noo' 1dadool n77[.

In the context of new uranium mining, BIPOC -- Black, Indigenous, and People of Color -- communities being overburdened with historic uranium waste, the NRC continues to license new projects, especially ISL projects, in those communities -- continuing the record of human rights violation.

Nah d66' hoolzhish go {eetsoh haag44d g00 Zhinii d00 Bik1'g7

Yisht[‘izhii d00 A[22’ Din4 bi[hon7’32 goo t’11 b7t’47y1 [eetsoh hadaa g44d7g77
 ‘11j7 bideezla’ y4ego bee ‘1 t’4l 9h [eh. NRC t’11’ naaltsos bik’ehgo adoo nish7g77
 w0keed gi yee l3 ni’ii[eeh, ni’t[‘11di [eetsoh n1hi dilee[go (ISL) bee’oonish7g77,
 [eetsoh hahal ee[go k0t’10 Din4 Zhinii d00 Bik1g7 Yisht[‘izhii d00 koj8’ a[tah
 Din4 bi[hon7’32 g00 bitah j8’ t’11’ ah33h)och’99d bi ch’33h gi Bi bee haz32nii k’ih
 da jii t’77h t’0 n11s yidt’iih kodi.

The NRC knows -- and we know you know because everybody else knows -- that no ISL operation in the history of the United States has ever restored groundwater to pre-mining conditions. As a result, again, NRC is actively inviting widespread groundwater sacrifice zones.

NRC ni[b44h0zin—d00 nih7 d0’ nihi[b44 h0zin ni[b44 h0zin7gi
 j0 t’11’ a[tsoh n7 d0’ bi[b44 h0zin k0t’10—D77 ISL bee’oonish gi—[eetsoh haalee[j7
 yeeh nidaalnish7g77 t’ahdoo h11’7da t0 n1y77shood ha;ni da, d00 b22h chin g00’’
 t0’ In1lyaa da doo ha’n7id da d77 k00h asdladiin k4yah dasinil7j7 bik11’ gi.. NRC
 t’0 ni hi z44’ na hwii’ 1 b7ni’ k00h nahaz1 n7g77 B711’asdla’ii t’11’ baa hojoob1’7
 k44h da hat’99 g00 kot’10 t0 chi yo[87 nii doo chxoo[n7igo yid ts’32 j8’ go deez99’
 gi bee ni hi[b44 h0 zin.

To remedy these violations of human rights, the NRC should implement a policy of free, prior, and informed consent consistent with international law and norms for any new uranium operations in BIPOC communities.

A[hee[t’4ego b44 k’44h ho di doo’n77[gi’ d77 Ooch’99d bee’
 oo nish7g77 47 NRC, Bee Hazlanii bi[n7ti’ go naaltsos –policy [a’ hazh doo’ a[477
 d77)ochx’88d bich33h Bi Bee Hazlanii K4yah t’11 n1hwiis lan7t’44’ bee’ a[gha da
 diis t’ln7g77 i[bii’ n7ti’ go saad bika’gi shijaa’ ha yidool ts4[. Zhinii d00 Bik1g7
 Yisht[‘izhnii bi k4yah bik11’ g00 [eetsoh ha daa geed 7g77 Bee Nahaz1a nii b7 d44ti’

go hada'ag44d d66' bi[b44 h0zin go, d77 1niid7 ha'ag44d bin11 ho des t'32 go chii doo'88[a[gha' di't'aah go. Zhinii d00 Bik1g7 Yisht['izhnii bik4yah bik11' g00 [eetsoh ha daa g4'd7g77 1yis77 b7d44t'I' go' 1lyaa go.

Secondly, the NRC should tie its environmental justice reviews to the Atomic Energy Act's health and safety provisions, rather than NEPA.

N11'1k0ne', NRC d00 Atomic Energy Act—Bee Haz32nii naaki go environmental justice review 7g77 d00 health and safety Bee Haz1anii y1zh7 t'11' 1[ah t'11h0 naz n4l 9h go' 1ji[44h da, bi sill0 j7l98 go. NEPA 47 dooda, j0' 11j7' 47. T'0 hazh0'0 W11shindoon dani198nii a[hi[na[nish yi[n7 d00 k4yah bik11' g00 hin1anii k4yah chiyo[98 gi doo b7'd7 dl11sh da neeni'j8 n7.

And finally, the NRC should discontinue issuing licenses for new operations, and particularly ISL operations, in overburdened and impacted communities. So, in other words, no startup 'til cleanup.

Ak44di, NRC sh2' k'ad7 naaltsos bik'eh go adoonish w0keed gi t'11doo bee l3 na'iih [44h4 go sh99h b0h0n44dz3 ISL—[44tsoh haalee[go ha' a g4 d7g77 t'11' 1yis77 k4yah bii' di do y1't'44h da [eetsoh bideezla' ni'ii[chooh B7la'asdl'a'ii ha joob1'7 bi[nahaz1a g00. A[ts4' k4yah bikaa'gi nida ho dil zhoooh d00 7nda [a' da'doonishgi bee [3' ni' iileeh go sh99h. .

Thank you very much for this opportunity.

Ts'7d1' ah4hee' sh1 hoo'a'7g77.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: And then, just a housekeeping item. When you're going to speak, so if we're going to talk, we're going to use -- if we could hold it here, that would be good.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: Shooh, haadzih go, d77 choo'7n7g77 kwe'4 y7n0h t2' go y1't'44h doo.

(Translation of Native language spoken: They cannot hear you way in the back of the room.)

(Din4 bizaad k'ehgo ata' hane'; nil477 d66' h0n77di doo hodii ts'a' da daan7)

So, if we could hold it here, and then hold the microphone here.

Kwe'4 y7n0ht2' go bii' y1ti'7 kwe'4 yi n0h t2' doo.

I do want to ask Mr. Yazzie with the Navajo EPA to introduce himself, and then, introduce some of our staff here today, because they were certainly integral in getting all of this together.

Mr. Yazzie, K4yah Bik'i ad44st'99' j7 Ni daal nish7g77,11d66' n1ni daal nish7g77' 77shj11n 1d77l7[nihi ch'8' h1111 kwii y4ego nih7 k1'77 j44

MR. YAZZIE: (Translation of Native language spoken: Greetings to all of you and thank you my granddaughter for coming here and advocating on our behalf [identifies his traditional Navajo clans]. To establish a relationship and kinship among the people here, I am from Monument Valley. That's where I was raised. I am from the Red Mesa area. That's where my mother is from.)

(Din4 bizaadk'ehj7 ata' n1h1ne' kwii, Y1'1t'44h t'11' 1n0[tsoh d00' 1h4hee' shitsoii kwe'4 nihaa y7n7y1 d00 t'ah dii nihi k'ih y1n7[ti'i' [!d00ne'4 baa hojilne'] kwii] !d00ne' 47 hak'47 bee' 77shj11n nil9 k00h h010 n7g77 bi[, Ts4 Bii'nidzis gai d66' nash1, !adi shiyaa hoo'a'; Ts4[ich77' dah Azk1n7 d66' 47 shim1 naagh1)

Thank you. Welcome. Thank you for the opportunity to bring the community together and thank you for coming to Navajo and hearing what we feel is just way overdue.

Ah4hee'. Kwe'4 k44 ha t'7n7g77 a[h2' 00[aah7g77 d00 Din4 bik4yah j8' noh kai7g77, t'11'1yis77 bill da hwish zhiizh ndi danih77 do[ts'7].

The overall story here is 80 years of impacts on Navajo, not just here, but across Navajo lands. And these stories resonate to the very core of who we are -- to identifying our cultural values and knowing that we've compromised them because of what oftentimes will get called "Navajo waste." It's not Navajo waste. We didn't ask for it. We didn't approve it. We definitely didn't benefit from it. So, it's something that needs to be addressed and as we move forward each day

Ts'7d1 tseeb7 diin n11 hah7g77 bee nihi[hodo nih7g77 '1t'4 d77; Ts'7d1 Din4 nii dl7n7g77 bii'j8' bee nihi'oonish go [eetsoh bideezla' b4neikah, doo kwe'4 t'477' 1t4e dah k'1sd33' t'11 hwiiz 32 g00 kot'4. T'0 nihi k'ih dii t'1n7g77 biniinaa ni he'4'ool88[doo b7d7 niil n11h da sil99'. T'0 nihi k'ih dii t'3. Doo y7n7keed da. Doo bee l3' asii dl99' da. Doo bee nihi k'ih ji dl7ida a[d0'0. D77 nah b7k'7h y1doot'ih7g77 sh99' 1t'4, 1dooln77[gi nee'nij8'.

We're out here today and I'm glad we don't have air samples going because that might scare some people. But the reality is this: we talked about this event being a history-making event. The history has been being made here for all of these years with the families being exposed. This is what they live in.

Kodi a[ah sii dleeh, Ni[ch'8h neilkah go daats;7 nihi yah ho des hiz n7t'44' (n7yol go). T'11' aan77h d77 j7 ts'7d1' k'ad 7nda' a[h77kai, doo k0h n44h da n7t'44'. Dikw77 sh99h nin1 h1 h1 lh go nihi[hool zhish 477 sh99h n1'1k44' n1h1ne' nil9' a[d0'0 {eetsoh bideezla' b4 nei kah go. D77 gi' 1t'10 da nihi n7 ghan nahaz32 g00.

Prior to any running water, any facilities/resources being

made available to them, they were hauling their water, and they would be in open containers. And guess what? You're sitting there with a little bit of dust on you; everything had dust on it. Where does that dust come from? Right behind us.

T'ah doo t0 nihi[yahada ha ts44d d33' t0 nida hiigeeh, t0sh jeeh bi d11 d7 t'1h7g77 ldaa din go, [eezh daa b22h go, t'11' a[tsoh [eezh b22h n87daa dleeh k00h; 1k00h [eezh da ni h22h, h11d66' 11 [eezh nosin7g77, k00h nihi ne' d66'.

I can't say enough to the importance of what this event is -- to hear Navajo people out; to hear their concerns out; to understand, as Mr. Jantz had shared, there's more that can be done.

T'11' 1y7s77 nihi[ni19 kwe'4 1[ah nii dl7n7g77, da nih77 d0[ts'7s, nihi da'di[1h7g77, bik'i da'di do[t99], Mr. Jantz 1n7n7 gi' 1t'10, neenij8' bee' lho doon77[ii sh99h hol0.

Oftentimes, as the bureaucratic decisionmakers will look at things, it's always from one perspective: from the perspective of what's written in text. How about the other side? How about the human side? We've talked about and heard about human rights.

W11shindoonii t'11' lko t'11 [1h1 d66 go t'47 yi n5[99h [eh doo t'11' a[ch'ish d66' niil 98 dah. Bik'e'esh ch99h d66' go n4l99h [1h d66' go sh2'? B7la'asdlaii sid1h7 d66' go sh2'? B7la'asdlaii 'Ooch'99d bee bi'oonish bi Bee Haz32 nii baa y1 lti' kwe'4 disii ts'33'.

I thank you for coming. I really want to know and understand that, when I walk away today, that we were able to do something historical, and that historical event was NRC Commissioners coming to Navajo to hear the true history of what exists here and why it exists. And hopefully, go back, and then, come back with an answer that says, "You know

what? We have an answer, a truly historical answer that will help you, Navajo." That's what we expect.

Ah4hee' nihaa noh kai. Kod00 dah dii y1ago, kwe'4 1[ah siidl7'7g77 [a'deil yaa doo, NRC kwe'4 ni hei y7kai d00 bi[1[ah siidl99' go nihi'dii[1h7g77 nei diil1 kwe'4 bi k'eeh kah nei kai7g77 d00 k0 dooln77[di doo ni[. &nda k0d00' 1n11 kai go d00' 11d66' nihaa n7n11 doo kah, k0 dool n77[ha'n00h, d77 bee' 1dii jaah da di doo ni[. D77 b7k1 da d7 n77 t'99' doo.

To my leadership that's here, thank you. Thank you to the other members of leadership that's here.

Ah4hee' shinanit'1'7 k00h ho noh [0n7g77, d00 11d66' na1t'1anii nihaa noh y1 h7g77, d0.

My family from Red Water Pond Road, thank you for hosting us (Translation of Native language spoken: Thank you.) for opening your home and your hearts to us, to allow us to talk, to allow us to understand what we've not captured in previous years to ensure that people understand what these impacts are.

Shik'47 Red Water Pond Road d00 1h4hee' nih1 hoo[a'. (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane', Ah4hee') Nihi ghan d00 nihi j477 nihi ch'8' 22'0[aah, an1hwiit'4h7g77 naa b7k'7h yeilti' gi bee ho[a', doo hazh0'0 nih1 bi k'i' dii t1n7g77 baa n11 ho do[nih '11d66' bi[yi n7[k1n7g77 kodi n7 diil y1a doo.

It goes beyond just knowing that there's dirt back here. What does it mean? What has it done?

D77 k0j7 [eetsoh [eezh bi[ha geed y66' koj7 shi jaa'7g77 bill 1h di sh99' 1dii' n7; h1it'10 11h dii' n7? Haa'1t'77sh baa na'asdee'?

I've got staff here from Navajo Nation EPA Superfund who've been actively participating in putting this event together with the Red

Water Pond Road Community. If I could, if they would come up and just join me real quick, I'd like to introduce them.

Bi[nidash nish7g77 k00h nihi tah h0l0, Din4 Biw11shindoon EPA Superfund y1 ni daal nish7g77 kwe'4 1[ah aleeh y4ego yini dash nish kwii Red Water Pond Road haz1n7gi. Nihii[77shj1 1n 1sh[44h 11d66'.

I've got my RPN, LeeAnna Martinez-Silversmith. I'm got Vivian Craig. We also have Merv Lynch, who has been an active participant who's really spearheaded helping us make this event happen. I'm not sure where he's at, but he was the one that introduced himself first.

LeeAnna Matinez—Silversmith, 47 b1 ni da'azh nish7g77 Nei[kah, d00 Vivian Craig, Merv Lynch kwe'4 1[ah aleeh 22'lyiilaa y66h ts'7d1 y4ego kwe'4 eelwod, h11j7sh99h 77y1.

We also have Darlene Jenkins. Where are you at, though? She's way back there. Jump up and down, Darlene.

Darlene Jenkins, h11di s7n7d1? N7l477di h0nii di, N7dii d11h, Darlene.

We also have Shelby Daisy, who's an RPN with Navajo EPA. More than anything, thank you all, family, for being here.

Shelby Daisy d0 B1 ni da'azh nish7g77 nei[kah koj7 Din4 Biw11shindoon EPA y1 naalnish

(Translation of Native language spoken: Don't be shy, tell your story. Don't be shy. Come on and tell your stories and tell your concerns. Don't be hesitant. Tell the story to these coming. You can cry. You can show your emotions about it.

(Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane. T'ladoo' ldaa n7daah t'7n7 hane' baa da ho[ne'. T'ladoo ldaa n1 n7 t'7n7. !1d66' da ho[ne, nihi'dii[1h7g77 baa da

ho[ne'. T'11 doo baa soh ti'7. Aad66' yi gh1[7g77 bee bi[ho[ne'. Dah chah ndi, Bee' na'i[n1n7g77 bi[da n7t'i' sh99h).

This uranium mining and abandoned uranium mine has affected our health. It's serious. That's how serious it is.

[eetsoh [eezh bi[hadas geed bideezla' nihi ts'77s Y4ego bik'eeh kah nei kai. Aoo' y4ego bik'eh kah na'al deeh.

I include my comments to not be shy and not be afraid to share their stories because the impacts are very real; they're very deep; they're very emotional.

K0n7[tsoh go' hasdziih; t'ladoo baa y1 n0h sin7, da holne'. J0 y4ego nihei n7 t'7h d00 bik'eh kah nei kai, n7 z11d g00, d00 bik'4' diniih go na'ii[n1.

I come from an area where the same issues that exist here are what impacts my family. And we're impacted by the efforts in Cane Valley. My paternal grandfather, Luke Yazzie, Sr., was credited with finding the ore that brought the mining industry to our community. I grew up with mine tailings a quarter of a mile from my home. I played in it. It was like beach sand. Monsoon seasons, I was up there covering myself, thinking that I was at the beach. Did I know there was a hazard associated with it? No. In the summertime, we would herd our sheep up towards the mines.

Sh7 naash1 d66' d0' t'11 k0t'4ego bik'eh kah neikai, shi k477 da y4ego bizhdlash; Cane Valley hooly4e di bii' nei kai, Shin117 hastxiin Like Yazzie, Sr., woly4 48 d77 [eetsoh yik'77 nini t'11' go baa hane' n71477 da nihi ghan di. {eetsoh [eezh nbi[haageed y66h, {a' [itso 1n7zahg00 bi[haz32 go bii' n4y3. Bii' ni dei'n44h go. {eezh nizh0n7 go sei 1t'4. Y4ego dah hodi[t99h go ladi s47 nbii' s4t99h [eh ne. Bi deezla' ndi doo baa nits4s kees g00, ndah. S99h go a[eetsoh [eezh bi[hadas

geed7 j8' go dib4 nida d7n77[ka' go nahaszhih.

I don't know if you've ever had cool water from a mine site. It's delicious. But did I know that I was exposing myself internally to radionuclides? No, I didn't.

{a;daats'7 ha'ag44d d66' t0 woohdl33', ayoo [ikan. Shi' 1k0s dzaa, 7[na'7g77 shiyi'di sil99' doo shi[b44h0zin g00 [eetsoh bi deezla' [a' radionuclides 7[na' go sh99' 1t4e11.

So, at the age of 23, I came home from the military. I absolutely loved being a soldier, an airborne medic. And I had to come home because I had a skull tumor, and that was my first bout with cancer. I'm fighting it right now.

Naadiin t11' shin1lhai go hoghan di sil10[its07 d66' n1n7shdz1, azee'22h 1199 j7 shi naanish 77sh [aa sil10[itsoi nish [98 di. Shi tsiits'7n b22h [00d doo n1dzihii b22h han77ts33 go biniinaa hoghan g00 sh44'7lnii' d77' 1[ts4 bee sh22h da hoo'a' d77 j88di t'ah dii shei n7t'9,

Listen, please. That's all I ask. Help with a solution. We can't afford excuses. We can't afford copouts and put it on somebody else. It is very personal to all of us.

Da'77ts7n0[ts'33' t'11shood7. \$77 d47 nih77n7sh keed. H11 deit'4ego [a' d00 nih7k1'a dooh jaah. T'ahdoo t'0 nib7d10h hil7 T'0 bits'33'j7 kon11 dooh n7[7g77' 47 dooda, t'0 h17da bi ch'8' an11 do[ni[d0' doodaKod00' 477 t'11'lyis77 bi do[nish niidzin.

Thank you.

Ah4hee'.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: Thank you, Mr. Yazzie.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: Ah4hee' Mr. Yazzie.

(Translation of Native language spoken. Thank you, my relatives, and my leadership.)

(Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata;' hane. Ah4hee' shi k'47 d00 shi naat'lanii)

The president is running a little behind schedule so. (Translation of Native language spoken: We'll start our program. Our first speaker is Mr. Bell.) Mr. Bell. I have Peterson Bell. Sorry.

Naat'lanii al32j7' sid1h7g77 t'00y0' ak44d66' dines dl88' ak0 (Din4 bizaad k'eh j7 ata' hane'; k'ad sh99h hahalzh77sh doo. Al32j8' haadziih7g77' 477 Peterson Bell) Mr. Bell. Peterson Bell bik11'.

MR. P. BELL: (Translation of Native language spoken: Greetings, I'm Peterson Bell.)

(Din4 bizaadk'ehj7 ata' hane'; Y1'1t'44h, Sh7' 47 Peterson Bell yinishy4)

My name is Peterson Bell. I'm from Red Water Pond Road. I live here.

Peterson Bell yinishy4; Red Water Pond Road d00 naash1. Kwe'4 shighan

I say this uranium waste is here for about 80 years now, since 1970 -- well, 1974; 1980 is when they abandoned the mine.

D77 [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed y66h ts'7d1 tseeb7diin naahah k'ad k00h naazjaa' go, N1h1t'477 ts'1adah d00 bi'aan tsosts'idiin yihah d33' sh99h; N1h1t'47 diin d00 bi'aan tsosts'idiin d00 bi'aan d99' yihah d33 d00 n1h1t;47 ts'1adah d00 bi'aan tseeb7diin bita'gi bik'ih h00n77 ch33' d77 [eetsoh haag4d7g77.

From there, we tried to let these people clean it right there. They haven't done it yet.

\$77' 1ad00 kwe'4 hasht'44h dahoh dl44h t'11 k'ad dadii'n77go,
t'ladoo 1dzaa dad77j99 g00 hoolzhish

In 2006 and 2007, when we organized the Red Water Pond Organization, I thought EPA was going to come and help us out here, but they haven't done it yet. It's still here.

Naadiin d00 bi'aan naaki d00 naadiin d00 bi'aan tsosts'id yihah
d33' Red Water Pond Road gi k44hwiih t'7n7g77 da'a[hiil stood. Sh33h hani EPA
nih7ka'adoo jaah nisin, t'ah doo 1daa n44h da. T'ah dii t'11 k00h naazjaa'.

So, how long are we going to do this? It's a hard freaking story for us, for all of us.

!ko sh2' haash n7z11dg00 bi[1hodoolzhish d77? Y1adish sh99'
It'4ego ts'7d1 ch'44h baa da hwiilne' kwe'4 d00 t'11'1niiltsoh k00h.

For me, I worked in the mine. I worked for these guys. So, that's where I'm at now. My health is in decline. Everything about me, it just accumulates.

Sh7' 47 [eetsoh haag44dj7 nish shinish; H1 ni dash shishnish 11j7.
K'ad shi[k0hoot'4, shit ah di 1hoot'4edi t'0 yaa kw44h nii[d77j98 di. Shitahdi d00
shi[1hoot'4edi t'0 b7hiniih d44h go yilki].

And how long are we going to do this? How long are we going to say, "Please help us." But you've got to do it now before all of us are gone. You know, for me, I'm over 60, and most of us are in our sixties now. All of us here need help. I know you look at us like we're healthy people, but we're not. Our life is in bad shape with cancer, diabetes, and everything else.

Hash n7z11d g00 k0t'10 baa nei kai doo? Hashn7z11dg00
"nih7ka'oh jeeh" dii'n7i doo? Tsx77[go' 1dah t'98 go t'47y1 t'ah doo a[tsosh nii'

n4ed33'.Sho, sh7' 477 hast3h diin d00 n7woshj8' shin11 hah d00 k00h Din4 h0l0n7g77' t'11'a[tsoh hast3h diin b44 d11 hah k'ad. Nihi ch'8' 1n7da hwiit'44h t'11'1n77l tsoh. Nihi n0[98 go sh99h nih22h daat'44h nahoniidlin, doo' 1k0 niit'4edah. Nihe' iina' doo y1'1t'44h da, cancer d00 1sh88h [ikanii da bee nih22h dah nahaz3 d00 koj7 sh99h dikw77 n1ln1.

So, when you say you're going to clean up, the EPA and the NRC, you guys have got to help us get that done. If you don't want to take it off the reservation, just put it over there and cap it. Cap it so tight that it doesn't leak. The bottom site should be looked at, too. Triple it. This wind, like now, this is the way it is every day when it's in March. So, even during the winters are like that. Even summer, the rain, it floods out.

Hasht'4eda ho doh[dl7[go, Kin1h1lgai d66' K4yah Yik'ih D44z9'7g77 d00 NRC [1' d00 bee nih7k1'adooh jaah go [a' doon77[. Doo Din4 bik4yah bits'33'j8 n7l1 g00' ahi doo g44[g00' 47 t'11'ak00h y4ego bo h0n44 dz1ago bik'4'4sti' go noo' 1 dooh [7[lko doo bigh1 ni[ts'8' dah doo. Biyaadi h7g77 d0' n7d7 n00l 88[. T1adi da b7k'7' des diz go' 1lyaa go. D77 k'ad n7yol7g77, T33chil bii hoolzhish go t'11' k0t'4e[eh t'11 dikw77j7. Hai ndi k0 t'4e[[eh, Sh99h go d0' nidaha[txin go t0 ni daal22h go 7h yi[ee[.

So, Commissioners, do your part in cleaning up. You have seen what we are today and yesterday. I know you were here yesterday.

!ko Commissioner noh[7n7g77, [ah d00' o[yeed go nihik4yah hasht'eh n1hdl44h. Ad33d33' k00h d00 d77j7 k00h hada'so sid, k00h nidao kai ad33d33'.shi[b44h0zin.

So, sometimes it hurts so much that I don't want to talk. So many times people have come around and said, "Let me interview you. We'll let your story out." But it don't; we never came out. What did they know?

They just get paid; we don't.

{ah da t'0 b11h1 dzoooh t'11't'4 t'0 neezgai go doondi y1sh ti'
dah [eh. T'00'ahay001 Din4 shaa n7y1 "Shi[h0lne' daan7igo. Baa hw77nilne'7g77
n711adi naaltsos bik11' bee nida d7 n00h dah daan7igo." Ndi doo' 1t'98 da, doo
naaltsos bee ni da ni deeh da [eh. Ha't'iish ho[b33 da h0zin. T'0sh99h ha ch'8' ni
da'iis ya', nih4' '477 doo nihi ch'8' na'azl1ada.

So, please do your part and clean up. That's all I wanted
to say to you, Commissioners. That's all I wanted to say right now.

T'11sh00d7 [ah d00h oh jeeh d00 k4yah d00 a[tsoh hasht'44h dah
dl44h. T'11'1k0t'4h4go bee nihi[hodesh nih, Commissioners. T'11' 1k0d7 k'ad.

So, thank you.

!ko 'ah4hee'

MS. BENALLY: (Translation of Native language spoken:
Greetings, I'm Annie Benally. I'm from here. I was raised here. And from
here, I grew up.

MS BENALLY: (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'.Y1't'44h Sh7'
47 Annie Benally yishy4. T'11 kod00 naash1. T'11' k00h shiyaa hoo'a'.d00 n4y3h)

Also, maybe I was 12 years old, maybe. They started
drilling. They didn't even tell us that they were going to do so. They told us
not to bother. They said, "Don't bother." They just tell us, "Don't bother."
They didn't say it was dangerous. Didn't even tell us that it was going to
affect our health.

Naaki ts'ladah daats'7 shi n11hah go, 1kwii sha'shin; K00h
ada'dilt'as go baa n7' diil dee'. T'ladoo ndi nihi[da hane'7. T'0 t'ladoo baa n7dah
t'7n7 nih' doo' niid. T'0 "niw4h ni chx=" "nihi' doo' niid. T'0 "niw4h ni chx=" ' n1
nihi' di' niih, Doo' 477 b11h1dzid nihi' di' n7id da. Doo nihitah di nihits'7s y22h dah

hwii do[a[ha'n7ida l din.

Today, we've been exposed to it. And we made the house, our homes of it. And so now, they're telling us it's dangerous. That is not right.)

D77j98 di' 47 b44 s4y1 [[eetsoh bideezla].Nihighan bee'ldeil yaa. Kodi 7nda b1 1h1dzid nihi'di'n7. D77 doo' 1h0t'4ed da)

Okay. Thank you for coming. There are things I have to say to you.

H1g00sh99h. ah4hee' nihaa noh y1. T'ladool4'4 baa ho desh nih7g77 h0l=.

My name is Annie Benally, and what I just said was I was 12 years old when the mine drilling rigs came in. We were never told to stay away from the mud holes. We were never told not to play in them. We were never told it was going to be danger to your system, your bodies, all these years.

Annie Benally yinishy4, k0d00 bee hasdz77'7g77 47 naakits'ladah shin1 1hai dishn7, Hada'ag44d g00 bee' eda'dil tsas7 bee da'deeznish. Doo hasht[ish bi[nahaz3a n7g00 t'a1doo baa n7daoh t'7n7 doo nihi' doo' niid da. T'ladoo 'ak00h ni dao n4h4 doo nihi' doo' niid da. Ts'7d1 11doo nihi tah di y22h dah hwii do[a[t'ladoo nihi' doo' niid da.nihi ts'77s tah g00, ad66' bi[hool zhish d33.

Because, us, as Native American, this is our sacred -- we treasure our bodies. And we pray this way every day. I live back here. So, this pile of uranium here, I pray to that every morning while the sacred mountain is over there. And I go back this way. There's another one right there.

Bik1g7 yisht[;izhii nihi' di' n7n7g77 d77 – nihi ts'77s n1d9'7di
 nihi 719 t'11'1k0t'10 nihi sodizin bii' da n7 ti' go bee sodiilzin d77sh j98 di. Nigh47
 g00 shighan, K00h [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadas geed y66h k00h [a' shijaa' t'11 ab7n7'
 oolee[bich'8' so dis zin n7l477 j7 go' 47 dzi[dadi yinii s8'3= go/ N11n1 koj8' go [a'
 n1Inshjaa'

So, this is not right. It brings anger because I am 64 years
 old now. When they first came, I was only 12.

Biniinaa, d77 doo' 1k0t'4edah. Biniinaa ch1h ch8' shii' h0l=, k'ad
 h1t1diin d00 bi'aan d99' shi n1lhai, 77d33' 477 naaki ts'ladah shin1lhai go kwe'4
 da'deeznish.

And how long are we going to stand here and plead and cry
 and make you understand? You're lucky you're only here one day; that you
 get to go home. Now make sure you save the dust, so you can always
 remember where it came from.

Kod00 h11n7z11d g00 sh2' nisiiz99h d00, n7da'iinii k22h go dei
 chah go, nih1 bik'I' di dooh t'99[nii dzin go? Dool1 d0' nihi k11' hazl99' da, nih7'
 477 t'11 [a'aj9 go k00h honoh [=11d00 nihi hoghan g00 n7 dooh dlee[. \$77
 [eezh7g77' 477 hasht'e' ni doh jiih, d00 b4 na[niih n7 doh jaa'7 d6'.

You want no washing here? Keep it up. Put it
 somewhere sacred. Oh, yeah, this is where the sacred people are from.
 This is the sacred dirt. I'm not trying to be sarcastic, but that's way it is with
 us here every day.

1d22h t1 nao gis l1 go, bini' ak0 t'4' t'0 h1li'da hodiya gi ni doh
 [44h. Shoooh, k00h diyin Din4 h0l=, d77 bileezh diyin, doo t'0' 1nihi dish n7id dah,
 d77 k00' 1h0t'4 koj7 nihi[haz1n7j7 t'11 dikw77 j9.

And everybody, I appreciate you all coming and being here

in this crazy weather with us. But this is us -- wind, rain, shine, everything, that's us. We make it work, even if the weather is this bad.

T'11'1n0[tsoh kwe'4 honoh [0n7g77 nihaa'1h4 nisin nihi[honoh
[00h azh3 sh99h n7yol ndi. J0 d77 gi' 1t'10 da nihighan, n7yol, naha[txin, 1d7n7 d77n
da ndi b7niil3. azh3 sh99h t['0odi 1k0t'4e ndi bii' neil deeh.

And thank you, Darrell, everybody.

Ahehee' Darrell, d00 t'11'1n0[tsoh.

(Translation of Native language spoken: Thank you, everybody. Thank you, my mother, for blowing in. (teasing her)).

(Dih4 Bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. Aheh44' t'11'1n0[tsoh, Aheh44'
shim1 ni[n7yol 7g77 [dloh ji dil ch7h])

And you came with the wind.

D00 ni[n7yol.

COMMISSIONER BARAN: Can you talk to us a little bit about the uranium tailings pile here? And I know at some point EPA did some work. What's the status now? Do you feel like there's been progress at all or has nothing changed?

COMMISSIONER BARAN: {eetsoh [eezh bi[haageed7g77
k00h shijaa'7g77 t'11'a[ts7s go bee nihi[h0lne'? d00 Kinah1lgai d66' EPA d0' k00h
nidash nish go baa'1k0 niidzin. \$7sh 11j7 h11'7 hoolzhish? T'11 daats'7 naanish n11s
k0dzaa, nda daats'7?

MS. BENALLY: Okay. The cleanup was just a bandage. They just wanted to make us feel that we were safe again. But, as you see, the wind's carrying it back over our heads again. This is like this every day. They say it's clean; it's okay. But we have more piles back there, and it is blowing this way. You see the wind's going this way.

MS BENALLY: h1 g00sh99h, 47 t'0 h0n7gh1hn7j8'
 nida'azhnish. T'0 baa da didiil yi[t'477 biniy4, t'0 doo nihi' dii[1h7 g00 nahaloooh
 sh99h, 1kondi n7d7yo[go t'11' 1k0n1 1n1 t'44[[eh, j0 d77 1k0t'4 k00h naajaa'7g77
 nihi k'ih j8' bi[nin11 daa yol [eh. J0 k00h nihi k'ih j8' go n7yol.

So, it's back to normal. We're back to what uranium does
 again -- breathing it in, everything in. So, you're in luck and you can take off
 every mask, so you can breathe the uranium.

Nahd66' 1't'4h44 gi' 1t'4h n11h1'nih. !!d00 [eetsoh bideezla'
 nin11' da'ajo[n1 1n1 [eh, bi[adahiidziih go, koj8' a[tsoh bii' ni n1 1n47 kai [eh. Nihi
 3zh nee' 47 nih7 ch99h d00 nihi az44' g0naa dan7baal7g77 nahj8' adahi dooh ni[go
 [eetsoh bi deezla' bi[adaho dzih

Anything else? Did I answer your question? Okay.

{a' 1sh n1 1n1, Da' na'7d77n7[kid7g77 n1t'22' baa n1hweshne?
 H1goosh99h.

Okay. Thank you.

G00sh99h. Ah4hee'

MS. HOOD: Larry?

MS HOOD: Larry?

MR. KING: Good afternoon.

MR. KING: Y1'1t'44h a[n7'n7'3

I'll be talking mostly about Section 17; 17 is where I live.
 And it's back about three miles down the road. You went through Section 17
 when you crossed a big Puerco wash bridge and a big metal building. And
 on the opposite side of the highway, where that big metal building, in that flat
 area, that's where I reside with my sisters.

Sh7' 47 Section tsosts'id ts'ladah k4yah s8'1n7g77' 1yis77 baa

y1shti' doo, tsosts'id ts'ladah gi shi ghan, Ts'7d1 daats'7 t11' tsin sit3 nigheii' atxiin g0 ya. Section tsosts'id ts'ladah bitsis nihi[ch'ih da' iizhjee' nigh47 na'ni'1 ndtsaago bitsis atxiin gi d00 nigh477 j7 go b44sh bee kin s8'3 n44h gi 1t'4. !1d00 atxiin bil1 lh j7 go b44sh kin s8'1n7 j7 go 1kwe'4 nah0sa' g00 shilah bi[k44hasht'i.

Hello. My name is Larry King, and I still live on Section 17, along with my sisters and their families, in the midst of a waste dump.

Y1'1t'44h, sh7' 47 Larry King yinishy4, t'ahdii section tsosts'id ts'ladah s8'1n7 gi shi ghan, d00 shilah 7nda b1'1[ch7n7 bi[k44hwiit'9h akwe'4 [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed y66h bin77 gi danihighan.

Growing up, we hauled water for domestic use from a windmill that was located behind the old Church Rock Mine, lots owned by Phillips Petroleum Company, then UNC.

Nests44[d33' Churchrock gi ha'ag44d d00 bine'j7 go t0 b1 b44sh 77'1h7 d00 nihi t0 chii niil9n7g77 ni dahiigeeh n7t'44', 1k00h k4yah 1[ts'7s go n11znil7g77 Philips Petroleum Company daa b7 go sinil d00 UNC d0 [a' daab7 47 akwii k4yah sinlig77.

Access to the windmill required driving through the mine area, past the head frames, stockpiles of mine waste, new and discarded mining materials, and equipment, to get to our water source.

B44sh t0 b1' 77'1h7 bich'8' atxiin7g77' 47 [eetsoh hadag44d g0ne'4 ho[oolwo[, B44sh Bee ha'iid144h4 77'1 bi ghah g0ne'4, [eetsoh [eezh bi[haadas geed go naazjaa' bitah g00 bee ni da'anish7 d00 ts'iil z47 dah ndtsaa h7g77 d00 bee ni da'anish7 naaz99 bitah gone' 11di' 7nda t0 baa ji gh1 lh.

As a youngster in the early '60s, I herded sheep around the mine site, within the mine site, and played in the mine waste piles. No security measures were in place around the mine site to ensure the safety of

the people coming in through the mine area to haul water for themselves. Currently, the area is still an abandoned mine site with no cleanup plans on the horizon.

!ch7n7 da niidl98 go H1t3 diin yihah bii' [eetsoh hadaag44d bitah g00 dina'nish kaad [eh ne' d00 [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed7g77 bik11' g00 nash n44h [eh ne', Bee' ah3h hasin 1daat'47 d00 bee dah na'azt'32 da ha'ag44d 7gi, doo kwii na'al deh da doo da bik1'7gi da. lko k00h Din4 t0 bich'8' be' atxiin go' 1t'4. '77d33'.D77shj98 di t'11'1k0 hoot'4, t'ah doo ndi k4yah bik11' g00 hasht'44h1ln44h da.

About half a mile south of my residence is the Puerco wash, also crossing through Section 17, the tributary that carried the largest uranium tailings spill in U.S. history on July 16th, 1979, 14 weeks after the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island. The dam burst sent over 1100 tons of radioactive mill waste and over 94 million gallons of contaminated liquid flowing towards Arizona.

Ts'7d1 daats'7. A[n77' tsin sit3 1n7zah shighan7 d00' 47 ndtsaa go bikooh –Puerco Wash yi[n7, a[d0' section k4yah haadzoh tsosts'id ts'lah biyi'g0ne'4 ch'7h b7k00h, Ya'iishj1lsh tsoh h1t13 ts'ladah yo[k11[N1h1t'47ts'lada d00 tsosts'idiin d00 bi'aan n1h1t'47 yihah d33 [eetsoh haag44dj7 na'n7'1 d44gizh y66 [eetsoh bideezla' t0 bi[ch'7h n7go' d99 ts'ladah dam00 azl99 go Three Mile Island d0 y7chx=' go [eetsoh bideezla' [a' bits'1nigo' ne'. Na'n7'1 desh chxsh go [a' m77l d00 bi'aan t'11[1h1di neezn1 diin di dim77l y1zh7 ndtsaa go dahid4dlo' go [eetsoh [eezh bi[haageed y66h t0 bii'j8' N1h1t'47 di dim77l tsoh d00 bi'aan d99 gal00n hagiz go dah yi di[44l n7l477 Arizona g0 yaa

Except for the bomb test, Church Rock was probably the biggest single release of radioactive poisons on American soil. Ironically, it

occurred 34 years to the day after the first atomic test explosion at the Trinity site near Tularosa, New Mexico.

Churchrock j7 na'ni'1 desh chxosh7g77 sh99h ts'7d1 alladi
 1n7[tsoh go [eetsoh bideezla' Ni'1sdz11n bileezhbik11'j8' deshxosh d00 bee
 h00chxo', Bee'eldooh tsoh desdooh7g77 bi[a[h22h di nahalin. Ako, d77 na'n7'1
 deegizh7g77 ts'7d1 t1diin d00 bi'aan d99 n1h11hj8' n1hoolzhish go deshxosh t'11
 bee'eldooh tsoh n7l477 Tularosa, Yoot0 hahoodzoh di nib7'nest3'ne' nahaloooh.

The old Church Rock Mine is now occupied by HRI. In 1998, the NRC approved license SUA-1580, which allows HRI to build and operate a uranium ISL mine there.

Churchrock s1n7' 47 ka'd HRI yiyo[wo]. N1h1st'4 diin d00
 bi'aan N1h1st'47 d00' bi'aan tseeb7 yihah d33' NRC SUA-1580 yeeh l3'as[99' 47
 HRI dahin44[7g77 b7ni' [eetsoh haalee[7g77—ISL bee'adoo nish n7igo l3'
 d77niid.

In 2003, with the help of outside organizations and agencies, Church Rock Chapter started the Church Rock Uranium Monitoring Project, which revealed how contaminated my community was, beginning from where I currently reside, along State Road 566 through the end of the pavement, just right where you got off the pavement up here. And it included Red Water Pond Community.

Naadiin d00 bi'aan t11' yihah d33' D7kw77sh bi'di[1h7g77
 da'a[hiiltsood d00 Churchrock Chapter [eetsoh bbideezla' a[tah 1t'4h7g77 ,
 bee'adeezhnish go t'11'lyis77 [eetsoh bideezla' nihi diich'11111 go baa'ako niidz99'.
 1h1n7go n1n4l88h7g77 bee'oonish7g77 chii doo'8[da d77n77d, ts'7d1 n7l477
 shighan n7 d00 hoshd66' n7l477 State highway 566 ni'7dl4zhizh j8'. D00 Red
 Water Pond Road k44hat'98 j8 1kot'44l1. atxiin yishdl4zhii bi naa' g0yaa

In 2005, NRC decided that the company didn't have to clean up the mess at this site because the radioactive waste left behind by UNC are now part of background.

Naadiin d00 bi'aan asdla' yihah d33' !kwii ni dashnish7g77 11h yi[n7 d77 NRC 1j7n7 t' ladoo k4yah bik11'gi hasht'4h n1lyaa ndi t'11'1ko, [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed7g77 b7ni' j0 k00h UNC d0' t'0 yi naashnish y66' t'11' 1k00h naazjaa' n7i go.

ISL mining is not new technology. It has been used for over 50 years. It threatens long-term contamination of our precious and good quality groundwater. The ISL industry has an extensive record of excursions, which have proven difficult to contain and clean up. Restoration of groundwater to pre-mining water quality conditions has never been achieved.

{eetsoh haalee[7g77—ISL y7ln7, doo 1n77d7 d33' bee'adeezhnish da, ts'7d1 asdladiin n11hah bee'oonish. Doo ts'77'1t'4eg00 t0 nit['1adi h7g77' y1'1t'44h d00 nizh0n7g77 niyi[chx00h, [eetsoh bideezla' biih I dichx11[. D77' ISL—[eetsoh haalee[7g77 t'00'ahay077 g00 t0 ni yish chx-' go b44h0zin d77j98 di. T0 b22h neigis go y4ego nanit['ah j0 t'ah doo da'din77sh d33 t0' 1daat'4h55'gi 1t'10 1n1ln44h go sh99h doo' 1t'98h da. T0 doo 1adi b22h neigis da.

HRI's Crownpoint ISL Project is unprecedented, per NRC's own statement in 2007 because:

Ts'7s ts'0z7 j7 HRI d77 ISL—[eetsoh haalee[yeil nish, t'ah doo k0t'10 bee' da di n77sh da n7t'44 n7 NRC t'11b7' 1n00h yee haadz99' Naadiin d00 bi'aan tsosts'7d yihah d33' di 1j7n7. D77sh99h biniinaa;

No. 1, it is planned in an aquifer that is currently used as a high-quality drinking water source.

{1a'ii gone'.. t'11' ay7s77 binahast'3 kwe'4 ts'7d1 t0 y1'1t'44h

go yidl1n7g77 dahid4y99h.

No. 2, the site will be located within a half a mile of two municipal water supply wells and within a mile and a half of three other wells.

The central plan for processing the uranium into yellow cake is located in the town of Crownpoint within one mile of four schools and hundreds of residents.

Naaki gOne'. D77 t0 y1'1t'44h dahi d4y7n7 d00 a[n77' 1n7zah gi naaki go t0 [a' chi n11 yo[7n7g77, 7nda [a'tsin sit3 d00 na'a[n77' gi t11' go t0 b1'a n11' ool go' d00 choo'9. Ts'7d1' a[n77' di binahast'1n7g77' 47 [eetsoh haadlo' go d00 yik'33 go' 47 Ts'ists'0z7 haz1n7gi bin77' gi k0t'10' oonish doo,)lta' d99' bi[haz1 d00 t'00'ahay077 t'11' neezn1 diin d00 n7woshj8' 1kwe'4 dahoghan.

ISL mining deliberately contaminates the groundwater to extract and recover uranium from its host rock. HRI's Church Rock section, at Section 8 and 17, mines will be located literally across the road from my homes of my sisters and

{eetsoh haalee[bee'oonish7g77—ISL t'11' 1ko daan44hgo t0 day7[chx=' ts4 nikaadii yii' d66' [eetsoh hadei[ee[go. HRI Churchrock j7 go k4yah s8;1n7g77 tsosts'8d d00 tsosts'id ts1adah gi 47 danihighan d00 ts4' naaj7 go ha'ad44d doo 1k00h shhil1h k47 d00 ba'1[ch7n7 da bighan.

Mine plans are to drill hundreds of injection and production wells in Section 17. A portion of Section 17 is my grazing area. I have a valid BIA grazing lease, and my family has homesite leases from the Navajo Nation. But HRI says its rights to mine supersede my rights to use my land. We will literally get kicked off and be removed from my land when they start to mine.

K5yah tsosts'id ts'1adah s8'1n7gi 47 t'11 [ah1di neez n1 diin

d00 niwoshj8' 1da'algo' d00 t0 hahalt'ood do biniy4 binashast'32 go h1'1g44d doo g00. K4yah tsosts'id ts'ladah s8'1n7gi [ah d00' 477 bik11' gi shi[99' chi da yo[9, BIA 1kwe'4 bee' bi[a[gha' dinisht'3 7nda Din4 biw11shindoon d0' danihi ghan 7g77 k4yah chii doo'8[gi bee' a[gha' da deet'3. HRI 47 sh7 j7 go 1[ts4 k4yah bii' ni'deesh go[go bee sh7 deet'i' shi[n7. Ha'ag44d bida'deezhnish go t'0 k4yah chiiniil9 n44h bik11' d00 nahj8' nihi' di' doo' nii[11' ako..

On July 19, 2012, after HRI was cited by the Navajo Nation DOJ for trespass on Navajo land, HRI entered into an agreement stating they will clean up Section 17 before any mining actions by HRI begin. NRC has not taken any steps to require HRI to do any cleanup before starting any new mining.

Ya'iishj11shtsoh n1h1st'47 ts'ladah yo[k1[Naadiin d00 bi'aaan naaki ts'ladah yihah d44' Din4 biw11shindoon, Agha'diit'lahii bi[haz1n7 d00 naaltsos bv1 haad11 do d77 Din4 bk4yah bik11' gi' 1n7t'9 bi' doo'niid, n7t'44' t'11 nih7 d77 k4yah tsosts'id ts'ladah s8'1n7gi bik11'g00 hasht'44h dah hwiidiin7[go' 7nda han11'ig44d doo d77niid.

The Navajo Nation will not receive royalties from any mining proposed by HRI in our community. ISL mining is unsafe and is very risky. The people are saying no to any new mining, and a grave injustice will occur if HRI is allowed to operate.

Din4 biw11shindoon, doo t'11[a'7 [ch7' b44so ha'ag44d bits'33' d00 b711 k'eel ts'77d dah, d77 kwe'4 k44hwiit'7n7g77, HRI kwe'4 ha'dash go[d77niid go. {eetsoh haalee[go bee'oonish7g77 doo nihi ts'7s b1 y1'1t'44h dah d00 d00 doo y1'1sh00 da nanit[ah go' 1t'4 t'0 bee' da nihi joo[ch'99d go baa na'aldeeh. B7la asdla'ii ni198 nii dooda daan7 doo ha'ag44d [a' b1'22'1n11 dooln7[da ha'n7, Ts'7d1 t'0 nihitis di HRX b1 bee l3 n11'1s dl99' go, doo y1'1sh0o dah.

Thank you.

Ah4hee'

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: Teri?

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MS. KEYANNA: Good afternoon.

MS KEYANNA: Y1'1t'44h a[n7'n7'3.

My name is Teracita Keyanna, and I would like somebody from Navajo EPA to help me out, please.

Sh7' 47 Terricita Keyanna yishy4, [a' Din4 biw11shindoon EPA d66' sh7k1'o[yeed t'11dhood7.

Pass that out.

D77 nahg00 naniniih.

Thank you, guys, NRC, for coming out and listening to us.

They already have some. So, just let me finish this first. They already have it.

Ah4hee', NRC nihaa noh kai d00 danih77 do[ts'9]. {a' bee dah h0l=. ![ts4 kwe'4 a[tso' 1sh[44h. Bee dah h0l=.

So, if you open those white binders (NOTE: the white binders can be found in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System under ML22118A743), in the very, very back, this is my presentation. Since we're not doing a mine tour, this is the closest thing I can get to you guys. So, if you want to follow along with me, that would be great.

!ko, 47 [igaigo naaltsos nit['izh7 nihi d11h s8'1n7g77' 22'0[44h. (NOTE: Shoh, dii naaltsos nit['izh7g77 naaltsos bit1t'ah sinil7g77 NRC Oonish7j7 Naaltsos 1[h2' daalyaah7g77 b44sh nits4kes 1lyaah7gi baa hon7ti', NRC's Agencywide Documents Access d00 Management System bik1'7gi biyaa gi ML22

118A743 bik1'7gi d7n77[88]), Ts'7d1 ane'di d77 beehashne' doo. Doo n7l1adi 1 nihi di deesh yish da lko naaltsos bik1a d00 nihi[hodeshni. Naal tsos da n0[98 go t'11 shi k44' g00 doo.

So, this is pictures of this area here that you can see, and as well as on this side of the road here. It's just right across. That's the second time-critical removal that had happened. And that young man in that picture in the red is now 17 years old.

D77 b44'4lyaah7g77' 477 kwe'4 k4yah nah0sa'7g77 eelkid.d00 d77 k00' atxiin7g77 k0j7 go' 1t'4. Nahg00 tse'naagoo' 1t'4. Naakidi [eetsoh [eezh bi[haageed7g77 nahg00 k0lyaa k'ad. Ei 1shkii y1zh7 eelkid7g77 bi'44' [ich7'7g77 k'ad tsosts'7d ts'ladah bin1 lhai.

So, this is just showing you that perspective of just how much this has been impacting the community and, also, not just the elders, not just my generation, but my kids' generation. And you know it's going to continue, unless we get together, all of us, and find a solution.

D77 binaj8' baa nits0h kes haaneel33' n1 lhai k0t'4ego [eetsoh bideezla' b4n47kah kwe'4 k44hwiit'7n7g77 d00 doo n1 ls daazl9'7g77 t'47 da, doo sh7 gi nidaat'ih7g77 t'47 y1 da niha'l[ch7n7 gi nidanitse'7g77 d0' bi ho diit'i'. D00 t'0 n1 ls bi[hoolzhish doo doo haada y7dt'10' da' 1lyaa g00, biniinaa t'11'lniiltsoh 1dooln7[7gi' [a' bee da'ahii diil tso[go hasht'eh doon77[.

So, please just really, really listen, and don't just listen and hear, but listen and understand that this is our lives. We have human rights, and we need to be looked at as human beings and not be overlooked.

!ko w0[7 bee y4ego danih7s7n0[ts'33', t'ladoo t'0 dohts'1'7, j0 d77 nihe'77na' 1t'4ego baa nits0h kees d00 n7di doh [44[. Nih7 d0' bil1'asdl'a' niidl98 go nih1'adahazti'7g77 h0l=. B7la'asdl'a'ii niidl99 go nihi n0[9 t'ladoo t'0

nihil1adi n0h ha[7.

The environmental racism has gone on for far too long. And so, I would like for you to really understand and listen. And that's the reason why I'm talking loud -- because you need to hear this.

K4yah bijk11'gi' lhoon7[7g77 bee nihi' dool ch'99' go ts'7d1 n7za1di nahalzhish k'ad d77 biniinaa ts'7d1 77s7n0[ts'33' d00 nih1 n7 do[4 dishn7. 47 d0' biniinaa y4ego hodiits'a' go y1shti'; d77 baahashne'7g77 di doh ts'7[biniy4.

So, if you go on to the second page, it has a poster that I had done with my aunt here, my Aunt Edith, my Uncle Peterson, my Aunt Jackie, all my other aunts here, Jean. We have it actually posted in the back. It's much bigger. And you also have it inside your binder. It's in the very, very front.

lko naaki g0ne'4 1n11n1h 11d go, D77' 477 naaltsos ndtsaago' 77yaa shim1 yazh7/shib7zh7 Edith bi[; shid1'7 / shiy11zh Peterson bi[, Shim1 y1zh7 / shib7zh7 Jackie bi[d00 koj8' shim1 y1zh7 /shib7zh7 kooh nah11zt1n7g77.jean da. N71477 h0niidi d0' dah sit3 t'11 ndtsaa go, 7nda 47 naaltsos nit['izh7g77 d0' bii' si[tsooz.Ts'7d1' al32j8' si[tsooz.

So, it just gives you a brief history of the community and how, when my aunts and uncles were children back in the '30s, they already started. They started all the exploratory drilling -- I know, Edith -- and it became a problem. And they didn't know.

D77 binaj8' ts'7d1 kwe'4 k44hwiit'7n7gi 1h00t'4h7g77 yik'i' di[dl11d d00 shim1 y1zh7 / shib7zh7 d00 shid1'7/ shiy11zh 1[ch7n7 da nil98 go k00h b44 da'alyaa n7147 t1diin yihah d33' di, 77d33' da' deezhnish, 1da'dil tas go baana'aldeeh 77d33', 11' shi[b44h0zin Edith, 11d00 hah0n77chxaad deezti' ndi shik'47 doo bi[b44 da h0zin da.

So, unknowingly, my aunts, my uncles, my grandparents, my great grandparents were all impacted. And that's one of the reasons why we're trying to force this in right now, because we need to be heard. My great grandma, Helen Nez, she needs to be heard. Her area has been impacted for years.

Doo ho[b44 dah0zin g00 shim1 y1zh7 /shib7zh7, shid1'7 / shiy11zh, shim1 s1n7 / shin117, d00 naaki di m1s1n7 d00 n117 y4ego be'iina' dasdi[kwe'4; d77 biniinaa t'11'y7s77 bee da nihiil jizh k'ad didoh ts'77[nii dzin. Shim1 s1n7, Helen Nez d0' di doh ts'7[11j7 d0' bik4yah [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed7g77 bee bi[1n1hwiit'44h go d77j98 di bi[hoolzhish.

There's too many mines on the Navajo Nation. That can't be overlooked. If you really, really look at it, that is environmental racism. Every single time that these guys have to deal with any kind of government entity alone, it's just -- I'm sorry -- but it's just pissing in the wind.

Din4 bik4yah bik11'g00 t'00'ahay077 [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed y66h t'11' 1k00h naazhjaa' go bik'eh ka'ooldaah. T'1adoo t'0 bil11h g00 d7n0h 9'9'. Ts'7d1 1h1n7 go d00 hazh0'0 y4ego n4l99 go d77 k4yah bik11' gi 1hoon7[7g77 bee nihi' ooch'99d, bee nihi'jodlah, bee nih1 hodooni. Ts'7d1 t'11 [ash dilt'4h7g77 W11shindoon ni98 nii bi[dazh dilnish go ts'7d1 doo yitsooh da, doo'1t'98 dah nadleeh.

We have to get together, all of us -- Navajo EPA, U.S. EPA, NRC, people from the State, State representatives, county representatives, grassroots organizers. We all need to get together to get this all cleaned up and done properly. If that means we have to do bipartisan stuff and go to Congress, we have to do it, because it's impacting too many people for too long.

T'11' 1n7iltsoh go t'47 1doon77[; Din4 Biw11shindoon EPA doo'oonish7g77, Kin1h1gai EPA d00'oonish7g77, NRC, H0tsaago hadahasdzoh7g77, H0tsaa hada hasdzoh bi Naat'lanii, !ts'7s7go hadahasdzoh d00 Naat'lanii danil7n7g77 d00 k4yah bik11'di k44hda ha t'7n7g77 t'11'a[tsoh t'11[ahj8. K0t'10 da'ahii diil tso[go k4yah hasht'44h dooln77[d00 b44 nahazlanii bik'eh go 1dooln77[. T'11' a[ch'ish d66' Dzaaneez d00 B7ch99h yee' adilohii bi[neinish go ndi n7l47 Kin1h1gai di yah a dii'n44[go b77ghah. H1111 doo t'11 nih7 t'47 b4nei kah da, B7la'asda'ii t'00' ahay077 y4n1h kah go t'00'ahayooi n1lhai.

So, please just understand that. And if you have any questions about this poster, you can come to me and ask.

T'11sh00d7 d77 bik'i' doh tx88h gonih1 n7dooh [4. D00 d77 [a' sooz9 naaltsos ndtsaa go bik'ih na'asdzoh7g77 b7na'7d0[kid go shaa doh gh1[d00 hazh0'0 bee nihi[hodeshnih.

If you can go on to the next page. We had the EPA state that we were not here, and also GE stating that we were not here, before the mining had started. And yet, we have photographic proof that we were here, and pictures do not lie. So, you can read who these people are on these pictures. On some of them, you don't know. And so, you know, there's a face; there's a human being right there photographed, and they're sitting there waiting to live their lives, but they don't know what's happening to the next generation. And so, we are here now to tell you what's going on now is wrong.

N11n1 n11s g0ne' naaltsos n11n1s tsooz7g77, EPA 1nihi[n7, t'ah doo ha'ag4d66 d33' doo k00h k44hot'98da n7t'44' nihi[n7 [ah. &nda GE d0' 1k0 j7n7. 1ko k00' aheskid7g77 binaj8' 477 k00h h0niidl= ni'tt'44 go yaahalne' d77 doo yooch'77d da. D77 Din4' 477 bizh7' da bik11' b44 da'alyaa go y7n0[ta'.[a'

sh99' 47 doo b44 honoh sinda. !ko nih[b44h0zin d77' anii' 477 b7la'asdlaii
 ldaat'4 k00h b44 da'alyaa go; nah11zt3 iin1 yiba'. N11 dooch7[7g77' 477 doo b1
 b44h0zinda nee'nij8'.!ko d77 bee nihi[hwiilne'7g77 doo' 1k0t'4eda nidii'n7,
 doo'1198 dah.

So, if you can go on to the next page, you can see that we're still here in the '70s and '80s. And you can see the children and uncles and aunts of mine all playing in this pile right here on Kerr-McGee. That's right here, right on the side of you guys. That's the proximity, and we're living right between two of them.

!ko, n11s n11n1, T'ah dii k00h k44hwiit'7 tsosts'idiin d00
 ts44b7diin yihah bii'di. D00 kwe;4 n0[9 1[ch7n7 shim1 y1zh7 / shib7zh7 d00 shida'7
 / shiy11zh k00 nidaane' [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeedy66h yik11' gi d77 47 Kerr-
 McGee b1' oonish. !00', k00h nih77ghah g00' 1t'4. K00' 1y77d7 yee' naaki go
 shijaa' go bita' gi k44hwiit'7.

And now, you actually see and feel how the community has felt for years and generations. So, this is only one day. Like my grandma said, it's one day you're here. You're experiencing this for one day. We experience this all our lives.

Ako k'ad, nihi[b44h0zin sh99h j0 noo[99' doo sh99h nihitahdi
 1y07sin7g77 kwe'4 k44hwiit'7n7g77 nin1h1h11h d00' nee'nij8' oochi[go kwe'4
 k'ad 1nih0sin 7g7. Nih7' 47 t'11[a'lj7n7 go kwe'4, shim1 sln7' / shin117' 1n7n7 gi'
 1t'10 nih7' 477 t'11[a'lj7 n7 go kwe'4 noo y1a go b4n1h11h. Nih7' 477 n711d66' bi[
 niilz44[go nin1 h1 h1 1h.

So, if we can go to the next page, that's going to page 5. This is the mining era from '69 to '86. And that Kerr-McGee mine, that A-frame, I grew up looking at that A-frame. It's no longer there, but I grew up

looking at that A-frame.

N11s n11n1, naaltsos asdla'7 g0ne' 1t'4, d77' 477 [eetsoh haageed h1t3diin d00 bi'aan n1h1t'47 yihah d33 d00 tseeb7diin d00 bi'aan h1st3 gi hoolzhish7gi' 1t'4. !1d00 d77' 47 Kerr-McGee b1 ha'ageed. \$7 deigo yaa'1h7g77—A-frame, 47 n4sh98 go, yish98 go shiyaa hoo'a'.

And you see the bottom corner picture on the right is the Red Water Pond Road. That road has been fixed because it was radiated. And I had no idea that every day when I was walking to school, to the bus stop, which was up on top of the road, and coming back after school, all of us kids were exposed to that. And, you know, I never knew. I never realized why my legs ached, my feet ached. And now, I know.

Red Water Pond Road 47 w0yahdi noshn1aj7 go' eelkid. Atxiin7g77' 477 bik11'di [eetsoh [eezh bi[haageed y66h bik11'j7 sil99' go nahj8' haageed go hasht'4h n1lyaa. Doondi shi[b44 h0zin da 0lta' g00 chid7[it077 nin1lt['I' g00 atxiin bik11' g00 n7d7sh d11h d00 11d66' atxiin bik11' nin1h1sh d11 go [eetsoh [eezh bi[haageed7g77 bideezla' b44 s4y1al1. D00 shi[b44h0zin da. Shij11d da diniih [eh shikee' da diniih [eh, k'ad ndi shi[b44 h0zin.

And so, this is a situation that the children of my aunts, my uncles, we didn't ask for this. And yet, we're impacted. And we didn't know.

!ko, shim1 y1zh7 / shib7zh7 d00 shida'1 / shiy11zh b1'1[ch7n7, k0t'10 bi[haz32 doogoh doo day77keed da. !k0t'4e ndi a[tsoh b44 siikai go nihitah biih dahi deezh ch'aal; doo nihi[b44 dah0zin g00.

When I was a kid, I was herding sheep for my grandma. There was no fencing at all, nothing in sight. There was no boundary. Nobody was there to say, "Hey, you can't go here. This is dangerous." There was nothing like that.

!ch7n7 nish[99 d33' shim1 s1n7 / shin117 b1 dib4 nanishkaad go,
 doo da'n7ti' da [1'7 ndi, 1din. Dooh [a' bin1'azti'7gi da h17da doo "sho d77 kwe'4
 doo na'ad1ada, b1 1h1dzid doo n7n7 da", doo [a' bee dah azt33h da.

I herded sheep up there into the mine area. On hot days, if it rained, the pools of water that developed on the rocks, I had no idea that I was doing the same thing as Mr. Yazzie there. I was, you know, taking my drink because it was hot, and I didn't realize that.

{eetsoh haag44d g00 na' nish kaad [eh 11j7, Desdoi go,
 Nah[tx99h go ts4k11'g00 t0' deikaahgo t'11'11j8' t'0 yishdl99h Mr. Yazzie 1n7n7
 gi' 1t'10, j0 desdoi go biniina t'11' 1aj8' t0 jid199h doo ho[b44 h0zin g00.

So, let's go to the next page, page 6. And this is pictures from the '79 spill. You can see the dam breach where it came from the dam and went into the arroyo. And it shows you the tailings there before, and then, it shows you the arroyo after, even the color. And basically, that was the same acidity of battery acid, and there were people who waded through that water to get to their livestock. They ended up with a lot of skin conditions -- blistering, some amputations. There was no reason for something like that to happen.

K'ad n11s n11n1, hast1n7 g0ne', d77' 477 tsosts'idiin d00 bi'aaan
 n1h1st'47 na'n7'1 desh chx0sh y66' eelkid go' 1t'4. Na'n7'1 desh chxosh go 11d66'
 t0 dahid4y6n44h koj8' bikooh g0yaa' ch'7n7 go'. [44tsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed , d00
 bik44d00, 7nda y66' k00h eelkid go n0[9 t0h7g77 ndi [ah go' 1t'4. J0
 1di[[id7g77 t'11 chid7 bij47 bii'sik1n7g77 bi[a[he[t'4 go' adi[id.[a'sh99h Din4 47 t0
 yigoh go yii die y7 k11h go bil99' nahj8' k0da yiilaah. D77sh99h biniinaa [a' naas9
 bik1g7 bk11' g00 t0 da'i[t3 d00 [a' 47 bits'10za' bits'33' nahj8' 1dahash giz;
 ha' 1t'iish biny4 k0t'10 bee nihi' doo nish d00' 1198 da.

And so, being open-minded and understanding that uranium is not the answer -- people say that uranium and nuclear energy, it's clean, but nobody is looking at the actual entire cycle of it. We are living in that very beginning cycle, and nobody sees that. So, please understand this.

T'0 baanits7jitseesgo d00 bik'ih ji' di'tx88h go ndi d77 [eetsoh chii doo'8[gi dooda go t'47 nih1 y1't'44h niidzin ashzh3 [a' Din4 b7l1 asdla'ii chii diil 8[go nig1 y1't'44h, doo b22h chin da daan7i ndi. B7la'asdla'ii doo ts'7d1 hazh0'0 d00 1h1n7 go dazh ne[98 da; t'11't'4 1t'4egi. Nh7' 47 k'ad ts'7d1 1l32j8' bi[n7ti'7g77 bii' neikai, ndi doo dajoo'99h da. D77 biniinaa nih1 bik'I dooh tx88h.

Page 7. This is, basically, the view from the top of the whole area of UNC, the milling area. And I just want to point out that, on the top of the map, there's something missing, and that's the human element right there. You're missing the community. You don't get to see that proximity of how close those houses are.

Tsosts'7d g0ne' si[tsoo z7gi; d77' 47 w0dah d66' eelkid UNC t'11't'4 haz1n7gi [eetsoh yik'lh gi at'4. {a go doo d77 naaltsos k4yah bik'ih sinil7g77 doo bik11'da, j0 477' ei B7l1'asdla'ii b22h 1din. !kwii k44hwiit'7ng77 b22h 1din. 1k0 1h1n7 go danihi ghan7g77 doo dah 98 da.

You know, I don't want to be mean, but I have to be. That's the U.S. EPA not putting that human element in the actual mapping of these locations. And it's disappointing because I thought they were there to protect us, but it looks like they're just taking away the actual human element from their project here. So, oh, I don't know.

Kwe'4 shooh, kwe'4 ch1h ch8' nihich'8' ninish ah, j0' 1k0t'10 t'47 bik'I' di doh tx99[. Kin1h1gai d66 EPA da'7n77sh d66' t'ladoo B7l1'asdla'ii d77 k4yah naaltsos bik11'gi nashch'22'7g77 yik11' 1yiilaah da l1 ha'ageed b7da

d44ti'7g00. Dool1 d0' dooda' da nisin, sh33h hanii nih33h hwii nidzin nih1
daj7ln77sh 11 ni.ndi kwe'4 nijilnish d00 binijilnish7gi' 477 B7la'asdla'ii bi[
hon7'1n7g00 t'11doo b11'lho dzi niiz99' da 11. Doo beef t'4edah.

Let's go to page 8. So, the runoff along this Kerr-McGee mine here, there's an arroyo that goes all the way down and it goes into an area called High Blind Road. This picture shows you the erosion that happens when it rains during monsoon season.

Tseeb77j8' n11s dii kah. Kerr-McGee bi[haz1n7gi kot'10 t0'
da'7gh11sh kwe'4. Koj7 bikooh n71477 g0yaa, d00 n7147 koj8' High Blind Road
woly4h7j8' bikooh h7711. !ko d77' 477 y4ego daho di[tx99h go kot'10 t0' [eezh yoo
gh11sh [eh.

This is a picture of my husband kind of giving you some perspective on how wide, how deep, the runoff is. This is monsoon season, and supposedly, there's studies about how the rainfall here is, and everything like that, but, as you can see, my husband is standing there. And he's about the same size as me, the same height, the same build. And you can tell that that water is pretty quick flowing. So, we ask, you know, what do you see when it comes to that picture and erosion?

D77' eelkid7g77' 47 shahastxiin kwe'4 siz9, bikooh diego'
1n7[tsoh d00 1n4[t4417g77 binaj8' baahane' doo; y4ego' 1da ho'niil tx99h go k0t'10
t0 ch'ih n1 goh dajin7. D00 y4ego ada'aho'nii[tx99h go naask11' hani' d00 koj8'
1kw77 bi[dan7ti'7g77; 1k0 kwe'4 sha ahstxiin kwe'4 siz9 t'11 sheen7[tso,
t'11''a[hee niil ts11z; 1k0 dah n0[98 go d77 t0 t'11 y4ego dzo[ha[, nah nih7 d7diilki[,
hash yidt;4ego noh9 d77 t0 y4ego yigoh go d00 t0' oogh1sh7gi?

So, go, then, to the next page. And that page shows you the most recent happening that happened, and this bridge was -- I ought to

put quotes up -- quote, "fixed." It was repaired. And then, riprap was put there to help with the erosion. And as you can see, that erosion is very evident. And you can see that all those stones, those big, giant stones, are gone. So, we're trying to pound it into you guys' heads that you don't know Mother Nature, and She's going to find a way.

N11s n11n1, D77' 477 t'11' 1niid7 go' 1 hoot'99, d77 na'n7'1 --
 -kwe'4 ha'oodz7'7g77 77shj11n 1desh[77]; "hasht'e n1lyaa". Hasht'4n1lyaa.
 11d00 Ts4 a[tah 1 da n7[tsoh go 1kwe'4 ya dajii y99h d00 n7d44dziiid.1ko doo t0
 lyoo' oogh1sh da dajin7i go. Ndi t0' na'agh11 h7g77 t'11 b44 h0zin7 yee'. D00 ts4'
 1y077' 1dan7[tsoh y66h 1din aad00; j0 t'0 nih7ni' bii'j8 d77 gi' 1t'10 477 Ni'asdz11n
 naalnish da noh sin doo han7zin, ndi Ni'asdz11n 47 ts'7d1 [a' yil4h7g77 t'11 b7
 bik'eh go' hasht'eh yi[88h.

The same thing with the proposed jetty that's right in front of the mill. That area, right now, the water has started undercutting underneath the already evaporation piles. So, who are you guys to say that that's not going to continue happening again and again and again? Sure, there's studies for a hundred-year flood, you know, but it's showing you that that wasn't even 100 years. That was one day, monsoon season, it was gone.

D77 t'11'1k0 n11n1 t'4 Ts4 d00 tin bi[yit[oh ni da jizh jaa'7g77
 nigh47 [eetsoh yik'11 n7't4'7 g00 bid11h gi. 11di k'ad, t'11'77d33' evaporation--t0
 n1ltsaah go bi[haz1n7gi biyaadi ha yi[ee[go' oog11sh. Da' 1ko' nih7 1da dohn7,
 doo'1k0 doo n77[da, doo'1k0 doo n7[da da do n7i go hoolzhish doo. T'11'aan77
 neezn1 diin t0 n7daal22h7g77' 47 nida'ask11' go k00h naaznil, d77' 477 doo
 neezn1diin yihah 7g77' 1t'4eda go' bi'oonish. T'11 [a' 1j9n7go y4ego na h00l tx33
 go 1t'4.

And then, the last page here has a lot of paperwork that

we've done. And these are the most recent ones that we've done talking about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the DEIS, and how we want this pause. We want the DEIS to be paused.

!1d00 d77' 1k44di sinil7g77' 477 naaltsos t'11'1niid baa nish shish nish, \$77 Draft Environmetal Imapct Staement yi[n7—Ni'asd11n bik11'gi naask11' h11g00 keyah baa dahasti' d00 da dooldi[7g77 biniy4 na'ask11'7g77 binishshish nish go 1[ts4 ni' 1dooln77[dishn7, Nah j7 go ni doot'11[1[ts4.

And like I said, everybody needs to be at the table to talk about what we can do that's not just safe for the community, but safe for where we want to put it. We want to have our other communities safe like us, too.

J0' 1d7shn7, t'11'1niiltsoh t'11 [1h1j8' 1[ah dii dleeec, d00 nabik'7h y1 da diil tih, 1dooln7[7gi, 22h 33h hasin bi[dan7ti' go binahast'32 go, kwe'4 k44hwiit'7n7g77 d00 nihi naag00 k44h daha t'7n7g77 a[d0', j0' 1aj7 d0' b22h1 hasin.

But I bring this up a lot. I know it's environmental racism. We've heard about Moab getting cleaned up. They got new homes. And yet, when it came to the community asking for the same thing, it was "No."

D77 t'ahdii baa h1n1s diih, k4yah bik11'1hoon77lii bee nihi k'i 'j8' 00ch'99d bee na'anish b44 h0z7n7 go yidt'99h go' 1k0t'4. Nigh477 Moab di k4yah daachx-' g00 hasht'44h hoolyaa go nihi[b44 da h00zin. &nda hgohan da b1' 1 n7daalyaa. K0j7 k44hwiit'7n7g77 nih7 d0' 1k0t'10 k4yah nih7 k1'oh jeeh go k4yah hasht'44 dool n7[da dii'niid ndi nih7' 477 "dooda" nihi' doo'niid.

So, I really want you guys to please pause it. Let us all get to that table -- community members, Navajo Nation, Navajo EPA, U.S. EPA, yourselves, DOJ. Everybody get to that table. Anybody who needs to be at that table should be at that table, and not just sitting there because they're

getting paid for a meeting, but to be there and be present in the moment and understanding and listening, and actually trying to resolve this situation, which has gone on far too long.

!ko t'11sh00d7 d77 t'11't'4 ni' ldooh [77]. T'11' 1niit'4 'a[ch'8' da d7n77 b88[go; Kodi k44h da ha t'7n7g77, Din4 Biw11shindoon, Din4 Biw11shindoon EPA d00 da'7n77sh7g77, Kin1h1gia EPA d00 da'7n77sh7g77, Nih7 d0'—NRC, D00 Agha'diit'aahii bi[haz1n7 doo. A[ch'8' da d7 n77 b88[. H11sh99h sh7 d0' n7zin7g77 d0' atah da jiz d1a doo. T'1adoo t'0 hach'8' azl1a go 11di dah jiz d1h7, [a' d00 ho nahat'a' d00 honits4kees bee'an7j7lwo' go bee'lho doo n77[ii [a' ha doolts'i[. D77 yee' ts'7d1 n7zaad bee bi[hoolzhish.

Thank you.

Ah4hee'.

MS. HOOD: Thank you very much.

MS HOOD: Ah4hee' ndtsaago.

Talia?

Talia?

TALIA: (Translation of Native language spoken: Greetings, I'm Talia Body, [identifies traditional Navajo clans], Gallup, NM is my hometown and I'm from Tuba City, AZ.) Hello. Good afternoon, relatives. Thank you very much for everybody who has come here today to support the Red Water Pond Road.

TALIA: (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane. Y1't'44h, Talia Boyd yisnishy4, [!d00ne'4 baa hojolne'] na'n7zhoozh7, Yoot0 hahoodzoh7g77' ladi shighan T0naneesdiz7 d66' naash1). Y1't'44h. Y1't'44h a[n7'n7'3 shik'47. Ah4hee' t'11'in0[tsoh kwe'4 nooylh7g77 kwe'4 Red water Pond Road gi k44hat'7n7g77 bikee' s00z9.

These issues that we are speaking about today are very much emotional, and they very much hit our hearts at the core.

Kwe'4 d77j9 baayeil ti'7g77 t'11'lyis77 na'ii[nah d00 ts'7d1 nihi j47 bi n77' g0ne'4 baa'77'1h na nihi[n1.

I live in Gallup, New Mexico. My family lives in Church Rock, New Mexico. I'm originally from western Tó Nehelí[h in Tonalea, Arizona.

Na'n7zhoozh7di shighan. Shish ch7inii' 47 Kin {itso Sinil j7 da bighan, E'e'aah d66' 477 lyis77 naash1 T0nehel99h, Hozdoh hahoodzohj7.

Every day on my way to school, grade school, we passed the Tuba City disposal site; also known as "rare metals." At that time, there were no signs alarming us to the radioactive and toxic dangers, nor was it fenced or capped.

T'11' dikw77j9 0lta' g00 hidsihsh1a go, 1[ch7n7 nish[99 d33' d77 Tuba City—T0naneesdiz7 di [eetsoh [eezh bi[haageed y66h noo' go bi[haz3, 47 "Rare Metal" go b44h0zin. &7d33' doo b11h1dzid7g77 bideezla'da bee dah na'azt'32 da, d00 doo bin1'lzti' da d00 doo bi[yaa'az32 da 'ald0'.

Children would play on that tailings pile. When they would gather, they would play on it like a sand dune when it was capped. Years later, those families were displaced and relocated, and a lot of them died from cancer.

!ch7n7 ak00h [eetsoh [eezh bi[haageed y66h yik11' g00 nidaan4e[eh..Bik'ih dah ast'32 go' 477 1[ch7n7 kwii yik11'gi s47 [eezh nahalooch nin11 daa n4[eh ne'. D7kw77sh99h nin11n1 hah go' d77 Din4 1kwii da bighan n7t'4' y66h nahj8' h11n1, d00 l3'7 d77 Cancer-[00d doo n1dzihii bits'33' d00 l daa din.

My family, then, moved to Church Rock, New Mexico, home

of the 1979 Church Rock spill, the largest radioactive spill in U.S. history to this date.

Shim1 d00 shizh4'4 bi[Kin{itso sinil7j8' n7dii'n1 koj7 Yoot0 bi[hahoodzohj7. !aj7 N1h1t'47 ts'lada d00 bi'aan tsosts'id d00 bi'ann N1h1t'477 yihah di na'n7'1 d44giz y66h j7 Kin{itso Sinil b77ghah g0ne'4 t0' ch'7n7go' go k4yah asdladiin sinil g00 t'11'1[tsoh g00 baa dah00ne' 77d33'

Our homelands and our Native peoples of this land have been exploited and desecrated by the U.S. Government, the Manhattan Project, in the name of the nuclear fuel chain and the Military Industrial Complex.

Nih7k4yah d00 Bik1g7 Yisht['izhii Din4'4 Kin N1h1lgai d66' ts'7d1 t'0 niheeh naan4 d00 chi niho[9 t'11'1y7s77 doo B7la'asdl'a''ii niidl99 g00 nihaa nits7h1kes doo' 1niidl98 da t'11 n7l477d66' hoolzhish d33' d77 Manhattan Project t'0 bik'ihj8' s8'30 d77 nuclear fuel chain yi[n7igo d00 Military Industrial Complex y44h nihi k'ij8' bee da'7n77sh.

The Dine and many other tribes, including Yakama, Umatilla, and Nez Perce, are impacted by the Hanford site. Oak Ridge has, also, many Native peoples that have been impacted. Cherokee, Sequoyah Fuels Facility has impacted our Cherokee relatives. Yucca Mountain, our western Shoshone relatives have been impacted. White Mesa Mill, our Ute Mountain relatives have been impacted. All the 11 Associated Tribes of the Grand Canyon have been impacted by the Pinyon Plain Mine. Our Kaibab Paiute relatives, our Spokane relatives from Washington State have been impacted by the Spokane Midnight Mine. Our Laguna and Acoma Pueblo peoples have been impacted by the Jackpile Mine. And our Santa Clara and other Pueblos along the Rio Grande have been impacted by the Los Alamos

National Labs.

Din4 d00 koj8' Bik1g7 Yisht[‘izhii 1[tah Din4’4, Yakima, Umantilla, d00 Nez Perce, Ts’iilz47 b1ldah1 dzidii hogha d00 nahg00’ kl9l7n7g77 bee bid7’ d0dl1 lsh go haz3. Oak Rige hooly4e di d0’ kot’10 Bik1g7 Yisht[‘izhii bee bi’d0dl1 lsh. Cherokee, Sequoyah Fuel Facillities j7 da’7n77sh d00 Cherokee Din4’4 bee bich’8’ nidahwii’n1h E’e’aahj7 Yucca Mountain j7 nihi k’47 Shoshone Din4’ d0’k0t’10 yik’eh kanakai. White Mesa j7 [eetsoh yik’1h7j7’ d0’ N00da’7 Din4 k0t’10 yik’eeh kanaaki’ a[d0’&nda [a’ts’ladah dah yin44[go B7k1g7 Yisht[‘izhii nigh47 Grand Canyon j7 Pinyon Plain Ha’ag44d d7 g77 bee’ bi[1n7da hwiit’44h sil99’. &nda Kaibab j7 nihik’47 Piutes danil7n7g77 d0, Nigh47 Spokane nihik’47 Washinton j7 bi[hahoodzoh7g77 Spokane Midnight Mine woly4ego b7da di dl1 lsh. T’11 koj8’ Inlhoollago Laguna d00 Acoma Kinyislanii Din4’4 d0 Jackpile j7 ha’ag4d7g77 yik’eh kanaakai. N7l477 g0dei Kin yislanii Din4’4 Santa Clara d00 n7wosjhj8’ Rio Grande bib22h g0 dei go Los Alamos bits’32 doo yik;eh ka naakai.

Native Peoples, we know the cost of nuclear. We come from those front-line communities. We have been experiencing this from day one. We have been dehumanized. We have been displaced and disproportionately impacted by adverse health disparities.

Nih7 Bik1g7 Yisht[‘izhii niidl98nii Nuclear woly477 33h8[7n7g77 nihi[b44 h0zin. Nih7 ts’7d1 1l32j8’ di bi[k44hdahwii’t’9h. Ts’7d1 nih7’ 1[32j8’ b44siikai go nihi[b44 hozin. Ts;7d1 doo’ aniidl98da, doo B7la’asdl’a’ii niidl98 g00’ nih11 nits4 h1kees t’0 nih11’oodloh koji, T’0 b0h0ln77h g00’ nih7’ doogii[d00 T’11’ a[tsohn8 doo ts’7d1’ a[hee[t’4eg00 bee nihi’ oonish [eh, nihi ts’77s da bi’ ts’32j8’ go din44k33h gobee nihi’ di n4[99h [eh.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission knows this. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency knows this. Yet, a blind eye is turned and

fingers are pointed. Why? To maintain the status quo?

Nuclear Regulatory Commission woly47 d77 bi[b44h0zin. Kin1h1lgai d66' EPA woly47 d77 bi[b44h0zin. Nahj8' go da d44z99' go b7la' yeeh koj8' go dah atsiih. \$77 ha't'77h biniy4? J0 n711 d66' t'11'a[tsohn7 t'11' 1k0 daat'98 goo b44 h0zin.

We are tired of deception, secrecy, and bureaucracy. We do not consent to being poisoned, sacrificed, and forgotten -- in the name of the nuclear fuel chain and the Military Industrial Complex.

K0daoh t'7n7g77 b22h ch'44h deekai, yooch'77d, t'ladool4'4 nanilin, d00naanish bee' dawohkah d66' t'o nitso[tee' d00 bini' danohsin.Nih7' 477 t'11dool4'4 b11daha dzid7g77 bik'eh kaneikai go dooda, t'11'1k0 h1n44h go nihi' di gh32 go dooda, d00 t'0 nihaa hwiyo'o'n44h go doo niidzin da d77 Nuclear fuel chain d00 Military Industrial Complex bidoh n7n7g77 binaj8' 1 da doh n7 d00 k0nihi' dil9h.

We demand justice, accountability, and transparency. For decades, my elders here have repeatedly demanded for full and proper cleanup. We want your waste, the U.S. Government's waste, off of our tribal trust lands. We are not talking about moving it over the hill and across the road. We want it away from our communities.

A[hee[t'44go k'4hoo n77 [ii nidzin, 1dat'98nii nib44 hohooz88h go, t'11doo nanilin7 yooch'77d b22h 1din go niidzin. Nin1h1h11h d33' k00h s1anii d00 hastoi k4yah d11chx0'ii t'11'a[tsoh hasht'44h dahd144h nahg00 bik11' di d00 bii' Bee Nahz1anii bik'eh go b11h1dzidii b22h nahg00' 1dao[44h daan77 go bi[hoolzhish. D77 Kin1h1lgai bi [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed8g77' b1 da'7n77shii t'0 yik;ih n77dzood h7g77' 1t'4; 47 d00 niidzin da kwe'4 k4yah nih1 y7noh t'3'7gi— trust land, nahj8' k0[44h. Doo t'0 nahj8 ts4'naaj8 d00 dahyisk'id bine' d00 atxiin bitsis j8 ko[44h go' 11dii'niid da. Kwe'4 k44hwiit'98 d00 niwoshj8' 0[44h.

We demand clean air, land, and water. We demand that our basic human rights be recognized and honored. We demand that our children are protected from deadly radioactive and toxic contaminants. We demand that our voices be heard, and that the cost for cleanup of abandoned uranium mines all across the Napeequa –Din4 Bik4yah be completely covered by the U.S. Government and not reliant on settlements to fund cleanup.

N7[ch'ih, nihit0' d00 nihi k4yah doo b22h chin g00 niidzin, D00 B7la'asdlai'ii ni198nii bee bl'ada haz ti'ii bee'aniid199 go' 00lzin d00 nihik'ihj8' yit'98 doo go niidzin. Niha'1[ch7n7 d0 b22h3 hasin go [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed bideezla' bits'32 d00 da n7chih7g77 t'ladoo y4n1kaih7 d77 y4ego y7n7keed. Ts'7d1 nihizaad di doots'7[niidzin d00 k4ayh n1lzhoh gi b33h717n7g77 bini' t'11' Kin1h1gai d66' W1lshindoon t'11b7 yik'4' es[11h go k4yah bik11' g00 d00 bii'd66' n1lzhoooh doo. T'ladoo 47' 1t'9 ha'n7n7 47 doo hah da.

In the Southwest, we rely on our groundwater. We don't have surface water here. We need clean groundwater.

Koj8 Sh1di'11h d00 \$'e'aah j8' go k44hwiit'7g77' ni't['1adi t0h7g77 t'47 y4ego chiil9. Doo' 477 ni' bik11' g00 t0 naazy88h da. Biniinaa t0 ni' bit['1adi h010 n7g77 doo b22h chi7g77 niidzin.

The DEIS is horrendous. It's full of holes and red flags. The example, the proposed area for that waste sits on a flood plain.

D77 k4yah bik11'gi na'ask1'7g77 d00 d0' t'0 baa'ih, Bigh1 dahasd3 d00 baa da hasti'ii t00'ahay077 go bitah. J0 kwe'4 sho, d77 [eetsoh [eezh bi[haageed noo'ldool n7[ha'n7n7 gi 47 la' go t0 ch'44 da goh d00 t0'ndtsaa go n7deigeeh.

We want to use our traditional medicines; we want to eat our traditional foods without fear of exposure, and to honor the lives of our

ancestors.

Nihi bee'4'ool88[t'ahdii chiinii9 d00 t'ahdii nahd66' da
ch'iy11n n44h deid3; t'11dool4'4 b11 da ha dzid t'ladoona0 w0dl7 h7 dei d32 go
niidzin, j0 d77 nihiz1z7 bee b44 h1niih go' 1t'4.

You are on Native land, whether you admit it or not, and we
know our rights. We are not going anywhere. We are not your scapegoats.
You are violating our basic human rights, and we will not give up. You need
to listen to the people.

B7k1g7Yisht['izhii bik4yah bik11'gi' 0ht'9, doosh99h 1kw77
nohsinda ndi. B7la'asdla'ii bee b1 nahaz1n7g77 nihi[b44 h0zin.. Doo h11g00 dah
deekai da. Doo'47 t'0 nihi'7dl11sh da doo a[d0'.B7la'asdla'ii Bee b1'adahazti'ii go
Bee Nahaz32nii k'ih7t'77h go' 1nih7[9, Ak0ndi ts'7d1 doo nihik'eh di d77dlee[da.
Biniinaa nih77s s7ni[ts'33'.

. And as a lot of my family members here and relatives have
explained -- you know, you asked, "What's the status of EPA? What are the
updates?" That is appalling. Why aren't your agencies communicating
amongst each other? Why do you have to come to the community to get
those updates? What the heck is going on in D.C. and wherever your offices
are? It's appalling. It's horrendous.

Kwe'4 shik'47 d00 bi[h47j44'ii bi[b44 da h0zin k00h dahalne'
go, na'7d7ni[kid7g77; " !ko Kin1h1gai d66' 47 h11'7 bi naanish yilwo[d00
ha'1t'77sh baa na'aldeeh" din7. Dool1 d0sh2' da; doondi haniih a[ch'8' y1 daa[ti' da
t'11 nih7' 11j7. Kodi noylago'7nda haash hoot'4 dadon7; aadi DC dish2' ha'1t'77sh
baa nah kai, h11shdish99h nihi[nahz32 di. T'0 la' doo be[t'4eda t'0 baa'ih.

You know, we need to have this planning led by impacted
communities, by Native peoples that are impacted, and not this top-down

shenanigans that we've been seeing.

D00 d77 1yis77 k44hda ha t'7 bi[hon7' 1n7 g77 y4ego dasdi[7g77
l[32j8' Y1 da nah11zt'32 go be[t'4, t'11' a[tsoh B7k1g7 Yisht['izhii nil7n7g77 y4ego
das di[7g77, t'11' lko doo bi[b44 h0zin7g77 n7l47 d66' w0dah d66' yaago yid a
dilnish.

Nuclear, again, is not green or clean. We have to recognize that it is a very carbon-intensive process, the whole nuclear fuel chain from the front end to the back end. We are from the front-end part of it -- from the mining, the milling, the transportation all the way to the reactors.

Nuclear—t'11dool4'4 be' a[n77'gi dah n1'1t'iig77, 477 d00
y1'1t'44h da doo nih7 d7neeln1ada. J0 t'11'1yis77 bee dook'33[gi bilid
nehel44h7g77 bil11h, d77 nuclear bee yish t'aazh7 bitsii ts'iin d00 n7l47 bitsee'j8',
doo nih7' d7 neeln1hda. J0 nih7' 47 bil11j8' lhood7[7g77 bii' neid1, H1'ageed doo,
d00 yik'1h7g77, d00 hidi geeh gi n7l47 j8' di doo k'33j8.

Almost all uranium mining has happened in the Western States. We know that. We know New Mexico and the Grants Mining district is rich in uranium. We also know that our relatives in Wyoming are also being targeted. Our sacred mountain in Mount Taylor is being targeted. There is the Roca Honda Mine that is still being proposed.

Koj8' e'e'aah nh0sa' j7 t'477 [eetsoh hadaag44d go hoolzhish;
d77 nihi[b44 h0zin.nihi[b44 h0zin Yoot0 haadzoh d00 Grants bi[n1h0sa' di [eetsoh
t00'ahay077 go h0l=. Wyoming bi[hahoodzoh d0 nihik'47 bich'8' n1hodichi'. &nda
dzi[da diyinii Tsooh dzi[da bik'44ho diiniih ha'ag44d biniiy4. {a' Roca Honda
woly4e go ha'ag44d binaha t'1.

When our sacred landscapes are desecrated, that has a direct impact on the psyche of Native peoples and hinders our ability to heal

from those places. And it decimates the integrity of those areas. We rely on those spaces to heal. We have been here since the beginning. We have regenerative relationships with the natural world. Our land does not speak English. It recognizes Native languages and love, and that's what is needed here.

Nihi k4yah daho diyin go naaznil n44h doo ho[da'7199g00 nidajii[chxoooh, k0t'10 ts'7d1 nih7ni' d00 nihij47 bidiiti' go nidajii[chxoooh bee hada[t'4 nei dlee[y66h. T'11' 1yis77 k00h k4yah diyin go bi[nahaz32 g00 a[tsoh nihits'33' da jii[chxo' go t'0 kot'10 bi[nahahz3. B44 hada[t'4 bee' 1n1' a[hii dziil y44h. K00h ts'7d1' 1[ts4 k44hwiit'98 go hodeshzhiiizh. K0t'10 ni'asdz11n d00 b7la'ashdla'ii chi' aho0l9 n7147 d33'.D77 k4yah doo Bilag1anaa bizaad k'ehj7 y1[ti' da. Bik1g7 Yisht['izhii bizaad d00 be'ayooi' 00'ni' t'47 yidiits'a'ts'id1 477 kwe'4 [a' h0l-0 doo y66h.

We do not consent to waste transport or dumping. We have a lot of qualms with the transportation routes. We know that it's shipped through rail and major freeways. We know that there's been accidents in the past.

{eetsoh [eezh bi[haageed66h doo nihitah g00 hidigeeh d00 yahiiageeh da doo go dooniidzin da. Da'n7txiin g00 t'11dool4'4 b11 da hadzidii doog44[go y4ego baasiiti'. Nihi[b44h0zin go' 477 k-' bee' ob2sii d00 1yis77 tsxi[go ni da'ajeeh j7 k0t'47 naag4h. D00 13'7da baahasti'7g7' 1dahoon77[k00h da'n7txin bik11' g00.

We also know that the so-called new science can also be broken, right? It's not forever. But this waste is a forever problem. My children will have to deal with this. All of our children will have to deal with this.

T'11dool4'4 Iniid7 nib44 da'dist'32 nii; -science woly47 d0' [ah da k'4'4l t=h, t'11sh 1k0t'4? Doo t'11' b44' deet'1n44 gi' ldaat'4eda ya' ? D77 [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed7g77' 477 hool1ag00 bideezla' h0l=- go bee' an1hwiit'44h. ![ch7n7 t'11'1t'4 yii ni n11n11 deeh goo n11s di.

We are all impacted by the nuclear fuel chain. On the Western States are all the reactors. The state with the most nuclear reactors is Illinois.

D77 nuclear fuel chain woly47 t'11'1niitsoh bee nihi' disdi[. Bee' da dook'33[7g77 koj7 e'e'aah nah0sa' j9 y4ego choo'9. Illinois hooly4edi ts'7d1 l3'7 bee [eetsoh da' deek'22h.

What do they do when they're done with all that waste? They try to ship it back here. That's why we have Holtec. We have WIPP.

Haash dazh dool77[d77 [eetsoh biba' t'47 sil99 go? Koj8' daats'7 nin7 n11' da j7geeh? Hol;tec d00 WIPP biniy4' 1n11 dajiidlaah.

You know, New Mexico is a sacrifice state. We recognize that, too. We've seen all parts of it -- the mining, the milling. We know Sandia has a research reactor. We know all of these things.

Yoot0 hahoodzoh7g77 t'11 nahd66' t'00'ahy007 k4yah t'0 da jii[chxo' goo hon7'3 d77j7idi t'11'1k0t'10 b44 hoi'd7lzin. T'11'1k0t'10 nihi[b44 da h0zin a[d0' hada'ageed d00 [eetsoh daak'1ago. Sandia di a[d0' [eetsoh bee diik'3' bee da h0l0o go nihi[b44 da h0zin.; d77 t'11' 1t'4 nihi[b44 da h0zin.

We're asking you to please listen to us. Hear us. We are tired of pleading with federal agencies who have continually turned a deaf ear to us. We demand justice.

Da nihi di dooh ts'7[niidzin t'11shood7. Di dooh ts'7[. B22h yee' ch'44h deekai Kin1h1gai d66' ldaa ni' da'iiniik22h go ts'7d1 t'ah doo nihi diits'77h

da. A[hee[t'4ego k'44ho'di'n44h bee' nih1 y7niikeed.

(Translation of Native language spoken: Thank you.)

(Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane. Ah4hee')

MS. HOOD: Very powerful.

MS HOOD: Dool1 d0' bidziil go ha'oodzii' da.

Kravin, you're up next.

Krayin ni naa hoolzhish.

MR. KEYANNA: Hello. My name is Kravin Keyanna, and I used to live here five years ago.

MR. KEYANNA: Y1't'44h sh7 47 Kravin Keyanna yishnishy4, asdla' n11hah d33 k00h shighan n7t'44'.

My parents moved all of us kids -- me, my little sister, and my big sister -- all due to the uranium from there and, basically, over there as well. We were, basically, cornered in between, pinned down, and everywhere we went was, basically, near the contamination waste and in the ditches; we'd go in there.

Nihish ch7inii 1[ch7n7 niid198 nii, sh7 d00 shi shideezh7 d00 sh1d7, kod00 t'11 [eetsoh bideezla' bits'1 daaz chiih 7g77 biniinaa ko d00 nidii'n1, t'11 nahaz1n7g77 bits'1 daazcji go biniinaa. Jo bita'gi nihighan go. Naaneijaah g00 bikooh g0yaa da t'11' 1k0t'4.

And I was looking at a map a while ago today, seeing that some of the contamination was where we mainly played. We were in it, knew it, sometimes fell deep in it. And on rainy days, we'd all play outside just because, if there's enough room, we'd find a little, tiny pond, and then, we'd swim in it. It was crazy.

K4yah bik'i sinil7g77 d77j9 n4sh99 n7't44' ts'7d1' agh1 ni dei

n4h66h g00 [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed7g77 naazh jaa' 11 go baa' lko niiz77'; bii' nidas sii'ne', [ahda y4ego biih n7dei t['ish go. Nida ha[txingo' 47 t['0odi t0 bii' ni d47 na']eh.

And it kind of makes me frustrated because I love home. This is where I like to be. It's quiet, no fussy neighbors like at home now. I can't be loud or run outside, because when we did, there was a little spot; when we moved, we'd play out there, and then, we got in trouble for it because it wasn't property -- it wasn't even their property in the first place. But we got in trouble. They fenced it off and it was kind of unfair.

Doo shi[y1't'44h da n7dii'n1n8g88, kwe'4 shighan go shi[n7zh0n7. K00h shighan go shi[nizh0n7. Hodeesyeeel d00 h11g00sh99h hahoo'1ada n7l47 di' shighan n7di' 1hoot'4h7gi' 1t'10. Doo dazdil wosh da kwe'4 d00t['0o' go baa h0ch8' da. Kwe'4' 47 [ahgo' t'11' lko nidei' n44[eh n7t'44'; n7dii'n1ago t['0d di nidein4e go t'11' lko d77 doo nihik4yah da nihi' di'nih. J0 h0d0' d77 k4yah doo hak4daayah da. !ad00 bin7 da'jisti' lko doo' 1k0t'4eda nisin.

And basically, everywhere we played, it would be with my nieces, uncles, and aunties, nephews, and we'd all gather, play in the ditches. It rained, basically, every day.

K00' 47 nidie'n4e go t'11'1niit'4; shim2 y1zh7 / shib7zh7, shida'1 / shi[naa'as, t'11'1niitsoh bikoooh g00 yaa nidei'n4e[eh, nih1daha[tx88h go.

And moving away from them was hard for me, knowing that I couldn't see them as much as I used to. Because sometimes it would be every weekend I'd see them, every day after school. And then, ever since we moved, I would always ask my Grandma Jackie, because she was still there at the time, and then, I'd ask to sleep over, because, then, all my favorite cousins, uncles, and nieces were there. And we'd all still hang out. We'd

go up in the mountains, in the ditches, multiple areas.

N7dii'n32 go doo shi[y1'1sh00 da, shik'47 doo t'11 d7kw77 j9 dash 99 g00. {ah da t'477 dam00' go nides44h, doo' nida'itah go da. N7dii'n1a d00 w0sh d66' shim1 s1n77 / shin117 Jackie, t'ah ladi bighan go, 11di' iidesh hosh bidishn7igo; j0 ladi' 47 1[ch7n7 1h1n7 go da shik'47'7g77 ladi h0l=a[h7 nei kah go nigh47 g00 dzi[g00 da, ch'aa g00 da bikooh g0yaa da neikai [eh.

And I never knew that contamination was so far out where we used to play. And it was kind of crazy knowing that now, that I could also be affected, even as well as my nieces and nephews.

Ndi doo shi[b44h0zin da d77 [eetsoh bideezla' y4ego h0tsaago b44 h00chx-' 11 go. T'0 bik'eh d4sziz; b44 s4y1a sh99h nisooh, doo koj8' d77' shik'47 1[ch7n7 bi[da nish[7n7g77.

And it also affected my mother's health, too, as well, a lot. She had many miscarriages, except for me and my little sister. And it kind of makes me sad, knowing that I could have had a little brother, and maybe a lot more. And it was very hard knowing that miscarriage is also a side effect due to uranium. And we were just -- I don't know; it was crazy.

Shim1 d0' biho di[ti', d7kw77 dish sh99h bits3ha'77'44[. T'11 nih7t'477y1 shideezh7 bi[nihi'dizhch9. T'0 baa sh7ni' [eh, shid44zh7 da shitsil7 da n11 hodoodlee[n7t'66' gi. D77 [eetsoh bideezla' k0t'10 ih naalnish go' 1t'4411.

And then, moving away, I was just 11. I was still a child. And I consider myself someone, even though I'm 16. And I still want to go outside, but we can't do any outdoor stuff in town because there's rules, curfews. Not much out there to do besides sit at home and just weep there.

Kod00 n7dii'lago, [ats'ladah shin1 lhai, k'ad 47 h1t33 ts'aadah shhin1 lhai, t'ad nos44[. T'ahdii t['00d nash1a go shi[y1'1t'44h , Kintahdi' 47 Bee

Nahaz32 d00 bik'eh go'lda'al7n7g77 h0l=0 go doo y1'lshooda. T'0 hoghan g0ne' t'47 agh1, doo y1'lshooda.

And then, every time I have a chance out here, I always try and take as much as I can, locate it. Because I know we stay in town way too long, and I hate it because I love home. It's probably the best ones.

Kodi n7n1hash d1ago ts'7d1 [3'7go bee anishtah go' 77nisin, [a'1[y007 g00; Kintahdii [3'7 nida nihiil k11h, ndi kodi' 47' 1yis77 shi[y1'lhoot'4h. Ts'7d1 shi[h0zh0n7.

What I also miss about being home is being home like with your Grandpa Peterson. We used to all, every time we'd wake up, we always put on SpongeBob or something like that, and then he'd cook us breakfast. It was the best. And I miss that a lot. And now I just wake up to bougie stuff now. No more potatoes and beef and tortillas, none of that anymore.

J0 kwe'4 shighan go' 477' shichei / shin117 Peterson bi[hoghan di a[hi[h0niidl=Kw4'4 nihighan d33' bighan di 1b7n7 go ts'44dei dzi' d00 naalkidi SpongeBob nih1 yik'eh neigis d00 nih1 ch'iy11n ayi[88h, d0011 do' sh2' shi[nizh0n7 da' 47 d00 b4 h1s11h. K'ad 477 t'0 H117 sh99h bik'eh go danighan kintah di. B11h nim1sii bi[yis disgo y66h 1din.

But it was kind of hard moving because I miss my grandpa. And it was all due to this waste that's around us. We're basically surrounded. And I want to be home again. That's all I can say.

Y4ego shichei b1h1s11h kod00 n7dii'n1a d00; j0 d77 [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed7g77 nihi n1z1h7g77 biniinaa kodzaa. Hoghan di n7desh d11[nisin. T'11'1k0d7.

And I'm sure, for all of us that's sitting up here and back there, I mean, I'm sure that we all want the uranium waste moving offsite.

T'11sh99' Inii[tsoh {eetsoh [eezh bi[hadas geed7g77 bideezla'
bi[kod00 n1hg00' adoog44[niidzin.

Thank you.

Ah4hee'.

MS. HOOD: Thank you very much, son.

MS HOOD: Ah4hee' shiy11zh.

Now I would like to call on someone from Pipeline Road,
Tony Tom.

K'ad 477 [a' nigh477 Pipeline Road d66' nagh1h7g77 kod00
n1halne' doo. Tony Tom.

MR. T. TOM: (Translation of Native language spoken:
Greetings, I'm Tony Tom, [identifies his traditional Navajo clans]). Tony Tom
is my name from the -- my grandmother and my grandfather were here. I've
been living here for 66 years. My grandma passed away in '96. She was
85.

MR. T. TOM: (Din4 bizaadj7 ata' hane'. Y1'1t'44h, sh7' 47 Tony
Tom yinishy4. [ldoone'4 yaahalne']). Tony Tom yinishy4.---shim1s1n7 d00 shicheii
k00h h0l=- n7t'44'. T'11 k00h shighan go h1t1diin d00 bi'aaan h1t33h shi n11hai.
Shim1s1n7 tseeb7diin d00 bi'aaan asdla bin11hah go 1din, N1h1st'4diin d00 bi'aaan
h1st33h d33'.

And (audio interference) parents and me, we lived (audio
interference) to be 90-plus. So the area right there is probably more than
200 years resident. But on the map it seems like nobody was out there.
That's you guys up in (Translation of Native language spoken: Maybe that is
why the mines were opened here because it seemed no one live within the
vicinity, my notion.). have a great gift that God gives us. We don't ever say

thanks opening our eyes in the morning. That's a gift. I didn't see you all this morning, so now I'll say good afternoon. And all four corners (audio interference) thank you. Thank you for -- Commissioners, thank you for listening each and every word.

D00 (audio Interference—doo diits'a'dah) shinml d00 shizhe'4 bi[danihighan (audio Interference—doo diits'a'dah) N1h1t'4diin d00 n7woshj8'. K00h da hoghan7g77 sh99h naaki neezn1 diin d00 niwodi n11h1h d33' kwe'4 k44h da hoj7t'9. Ndi k4yah naaltsos k4yah bik11'gi naashch22'7g77' 47' doo da hoghan7da nahaloo yaahalne'. J0 nih7' 47 (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. Doo daaats'7 k00h dah hoghan da nahalin g00 biniinaa hada'asgeed;, t'0 nisin). D77 diyin nihei n711h7g77' doo ah4hee' dii' n7i da 1b7n7 go ts'4 neidzi' go, d77 bee nihaa ha jooba' 1t'4. T'0 y1'1t'44h a[n7'n7'3 nihi di desh ni[h1111 ab7n7 d33' doo nihi[ts'32 da. D00 t'aa' d99g00' adahwish 1a go (audio Interference—doo diits'a'dah) ah4hee'. Commissioner ah4hee' ts'7d1 t'11[a'7 saad deiy7l ts'7d7 g77 n1ho[11h y77ts7n0[ts'33' go.

I know you guys sitting there looking at your clock. How much time these guys have left? We have a lot of time. We'll be saying this duplicating words. It hurts. And you guys got nice clothes on. As soon as you get home, get in your vehicle, you can throw them away. Today is a gift. You all witness what the weather looks like. God said this is what they live through. This is what they ate; drank water. Full of clothes that dirt. That's how we lived it. Like I said, 66 years of this.

H11g00sh99h aad66' oolki[n7da n0[88h go nah7tso t3. H11n7zah l1 b1n11h1st'3 n0h sin go sh99h 1t'4. T'11 sh99h [1h1 g0n4' t'47 y1dei y7 n77l t'44h doo ndi.Bik'e' neezgai. Nihi' 44' danizh0n7 yee' go bee tsood1. T'11 chid7 biih wooy1a go hoghan di n1 nohdz1a go nah g00' adooh ni[, nihi'44'D77j9

d77' 1hoot'4h7g77 bee nihik'ih josdl77'. Kodi' 1hoot'4h7g77 wo[ts'3. Diyin
 1nihi[n7, d77gi'1t'10 dabighan nihi[n7; d77 yi[da'ay3, d00 t0 yi[die dl3 nihi[
 n7.Bi'44' kot'10 yii' naazhjee' n7. I'ii'aah, n1hi diz77d d00 bi[nin1h1h11h, k0t'10
 shi[hool zhish h1t1diin d00 bi'aan hat44h n1 l hah.

Where are we going with this? It's kind of like living in
 heaven. There used to be ore trucks running down the road. The ore's
 flying out the highway from here to Grants. Now we're kind of living in hell.
 What are we going through, you know? So people are right. What hurts.
 And who's going to pay for it? We lost a lot relatives, maybe due to this. But
 people say "I don't think so."

H11g00sh yidt'ih7g77' 1t'4? T'ah n1hd66' t'11 y4ego
 y1'1hoot'44hgo nihi[haz3, chid7 t'11[a'7go atxiin bik11'g00 ooy44[[eh ne', n7l477
 Grants g0yaa bii' d00 [eezh hahas1 l[go. K'ad 477 t'0 baa'ih, h11sh y7dt'4ego k0t'4?
 Din4 t'11'an77' 1daan7. Bik'e'diniih. H47' 477 yik'4' ni dool44h go? Nihik'477
 t'00'ahay077 nihi ts'33' 1daa din, d77 daats'7 bits'32 d00' 1t'4. "Dooda sh2'shin"
 n1 l ha'n7i go doo b44h0zin da.

So, you know, like they said, please listen. But I'm pretty
 sure that you guys got something in your pocket to take home. And living in
 New York or California totally different than living here. And you witness it
 now today. It is hard. It is hard to see somebody -- you know, I went to
 school with Larry, Annie, and Peterson, you know? Conditions of how some
 us look like, 60-plus years. It's something that we got to deal with. I mean,
 there's grandmas here, there's infants here, you know? It is really hard.

T'11shood7 danih77ts7n0[ts'33' kwe'4. Kod00 n10]44h
 dooh7g77 sh99h [a' nihiza'azis biih naazh jaa'. N7l477 New York d00 Californai di
 haghan go kodi nihi ghan8g77 doo bi[1[h22h da. K00h d77j9 da no[99'. Nanit['ah.

D77 Larry, Annie, d00 Peterson bi[da'77[ta' d77j98 di h1at4diin n1lh1ah bii' deetz1a go nanit[ah go nihitahdi bich'8' 1n7da hwiit'44h daazl99'. Bee' 1n1hwiit'44hii t'11 nih7 l1 k'eeh sil1, nanit[ah. K00h am1s1n7, k00' aw44' bitah nill, jin4[98 go b1 nanit[ah d00 diniih.

So where are we going? Which way are we going is what we're saying. And we're trying to have these people listen to us. (Translation of Native language spoken: It is truly difficult.) It's been going on. I see Red Water Pond marching down the road and lot of us did work didn't have time to seem like it. It's our fault. It's my fault for maybe coming here once in a while. My uncle used to show up quite a bit, but back in June he passed away. So lot of these leaders (Translation of Native language spoken: are now deceased). Even in our chapter houses. I spent two years with these -- I'll do this (Translation of Native language spoken: to entice us). Two years is over. Nobody says hey, boo.

H11g00 l1 deekai? D77 baayeilti'7g77sh h11g00 deetz'I'7g77 1t'4? Kod00 Din4 nah11zt'1n7g77' da nih77s7n0[ts'33' bidii'n7 (Din4 bizaad k'eh j7 ata' hane. Ts'7d1 y4ego nih1 nanit[ah go' 1t'4). T'0 bi[hoolzhish. Red Water Pond Road gi k44hat'98nii k00h n1 l1n1 kah [eh, [a' nidielnish go doo nih1 da b77gha g00' t'0' 1k0n11 t'4e[eh. T'11 nih7' 77t'9 doo koj8' nideikai da. Shida'7/ shilnaa'ash t'47 t'11 y4ego kodi n1d11h n7t'44' nigh47 Ya'iishj1 lsh chil7 y66h d33 1din sil99'; 13'7da nihi nanit'lanii (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. Nihaa n1lhidiily1). T'11 n7l477 T11' Sinil7 di ndi t'11'1k0t'4. Naaki n1lhai sh7 k0 deeshn7[ha'n7n7g77 (Din4 bizaad k'eh j7 ata' hane. T'0 bee nihi yahoog44s biniy4) Naaki n1lhai, doo ndi shoh n7n7 da.

Our president, thank you (Translation of Native language spoken: that you are among us here). It used to be chairman (Translation of

Native language spoken: what we called our past leader). They change that. Our first lady -- our grandma's the first lady. So thanks for showing up and thanks for coming.

Nihi naanit'1'7, ah4hee' (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. K00h nihaa y7n7y1a h7g77). Chairman dadii'n77 n7t'44' nahd66'. (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. Nihi naat'lanii nahd66') [ahgo'1lyaa. Nihi m1s1n7' 47 '11j7 first lady nil9.1ko' ah4hee' nih47n7y1.

And lot of info. Like I said, I live over here 66 years and where -- I don't know how old you guys were in '79. Where and how all this started. My grandparents used to be a permittee holder, right on this side of the fence here. Cattle. Sheep. That's what is was for. Never knew this is going to be happening. They live right where the mill was. Somehow one day plan goes chapter settles. Okay. You all have to move. Where do we move? Right across -- right across.

T'00' ahay007 a[tah baa hane'7g77. J0' 1d7shn7 k00h h1t3diin d00 h1t1lh shi n11hai kwe'4 shighan go. Tsosts'7diin d00 bi'aaan n1h1t'47 yihah d33' sh99h dikw77 nih44 d11hai. H1166' sh99h d00 h1d33' sh99h haalwod. Shim1 s1n7 / shicheii & Shin117 asdz1ln d00 hastxiin kwe'4 Dib4 binaaltsos dah yo[tsos n7t'44' d77 an7ti' binaa g00; b44gashii. Dib4 b1. Ts'7d1 doo' k0 hoo doon7[niidzin da. Ts'7d1 n7l477 [eetsoh dak'1h7gi hoghan n7t'44'. T'ah n7t'44;' [a'aj9 T11' Sin17 yi[a[gha' d44t'3. H1g00sh99h. Nahj8' adhi dooh n44[ho doo'niid. H11g00sh da dii'n4[? N7woshj7 tse'naaj7 go', tse'naaj7 go'

Promises were made. Electric. Good road. Never happened. Never happened. They moved. Never happened -- nobody looked at them. They live way back in there. The only road was up the road here, across and over the hill along the ridge. So things like that we went

through.

H11g00sh99h nihi yah dahwisgiz. B44sh [ichi'ii, chid7 bitxiin y1't'44hii; t'ladoo ndi ldzaa da, t'ladoo ndi ldzaa da. {a' aheez n1. t'ladoo ndi ldzaa da—doo n1t'33' n7 dazh n44l99' da'ldin. N7l447 di hoghan 1n7daalyaa. Atxiin n7g77' 477 d77 k00' 1txiin7g77 ts4'nah d00 y7lk'id bitsis, d00 y7lk'id bik11' g0ne'. 1k0 dah00t'88d.

So lot of chapters was involved, but I heard somebody say nobody came around. These mines came through here without even waking us up. We just know there was drilling like a carnival here. They had lights on Big Reds. They leave their pond behind. Lost sheeps, cattles. I mean, it was a rough life.

L3'7da T11' Sinil7 y44' atah daan7, ndi [a' 47 doo' [a'7 T11' Sin7l7' 11di n7ylada daan7. T'ladoo ts'44 niidzid {eetsoh haa g44d nihi[yah 77y1al1. T'0 h11 g00sh99h daan4' bi[ni'ni'n1h nahalin go [ee da'dil tsas go nihi[b44h0zin. Ndtsaa go da'dilt[i' go. T0' choo'9 n44h t'11' 1k00h naazy88h go bits'32 j8' dadah dii n1. Dib4 d00 b44gashii t'0 yoo' lhek11h go, t'0 doo'44h0zin g00 hoo'a'.

But all a sudden these mines came up. So we got to go somewhere with it in a better way and with some handshaking. I mean, that's the only way to solve it. Other than that it's a ongoing thing.

T'11doo hooy1n7 t'ah n7t'44 ha'ag44d bi[22'1n11hool yaa. !ad00' 7nda haadei t7dt'4ego y1't'44h j7 go ldoon77[biniy4 t'0 1[11k'e' doonii'. J0' k'4 bi[n7t'I'j7 t'47 be[t'4; doo t'0 bi[had7n7t'44h da.

And I appreciate you all coming. I know gas is high now and roads are smooth. And thank you all (Translation of Native language spoken: to everyone that showed up here at the meeting). And ladies here, thanks for showing up. We really -- well I kind of knew what was going on

here, but really not paying attention because just head home and -- and this is part of my fault, not coming to the meetings and maybe hang with Larry like we did back in high school.

Nihaa'1h4nisiin kwe'4 no y1h7g77. Chid7 bit'oo' da'7198 ndi ltxiin' 47 bik11'gi azkaad; Ah4hee' nihaa y7n7y1. (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7' ata' hane'. Kwe'4 '1[ah aleehgi ni hisoh kai h7g77) S1anii k00h noo y1h7g77 d0' baa'ah4hasin. T'0y0 t'11 baa'ako nisin ndi doo kwe'4 nihaa n1sh d11h da, j0' 477' t'1ash7' 1sht'9. Nigh47 Larry da bi[a[hi[n1 hojilnih sh99' 1t'10' 77n77lta' y66h gi' 1t'10.

I'm going to tell on you, () Larry.

Larry naahodeshni.

Where's Annie, too? I want to tell on Annie, too.

H11j9' Annie? Nid0' nahodeshni.

(Translation of Native language spoken: Thank you.) I thank you. Although just kind of make it short and sweet and hopefully we can get somewhere with this. Hopefully. And like I said, I was -- my parents were a permittee holder. Grandparents was a permittee holder back there. And where am going with that now?

(Din4 bizaad k'ehj7' ata' hane'. Ah4hee'). Ah4hee'. ![ts'7s go ndi t'11 daats'7 hasht'eh doon77[. Shim1 d00 shicheii t'11'a[ah dib4 binaaltsos da yo[tsos n7t'44' kwe'4.

I went to the ranch meeting. I was going to ask if they had something available that maybe you all can have in -- to get into the ranch. My cattle needs to live somewhere, too, you know? And we all go to -- like the McDonald, to go to Lotaburger, steaks. So that's part of our revenue. So I need to go somewhere with my family there, too. So you know, I'd like to say please think about that.

J0 d77' 47 t'11sh7 [ah go' shil99' b44gashii b1 doo' nisin go'1d7shn7. H11j8' da shaa nahaniih doo McDonald da Lota Burger da d00 B44gashii bits8' 1daat'47. Bee b4eso' 1198 doo biniy4. Sha'1[ch7n7 bee' 1t'4edoo biny4' 1d7shn7, biniinaa nih1 nidi doo[44].

And thank you. Thank you for showing up. And I'm going to go ahead and introduce my brother. My other uncle didn't show today, so I'll go ahead and introduce my brother Sider representing Pipeline over here up the road. So thank you. You all have a good evening. We'll see you all tonight again. Will we have room for this many over there?

Ah4hee'. Ah4hee' noy1h7g77. D00 kod00 shilah nihi ch'8' b44 hodes z88[. Shi[naa'ash 47 t'1adoo n7y1a da' 1ko shilah kooh Sider woly4 a[d0' Pipeline Road d66' sh99h y1 n7y1a doo. !ko' ah4hee', nizh0n7 go sh99h nihee' ada' doo'11[. D77t[44 sh99h n11 da'a hii dil tse[. T'11sh niheeh h0n7[tsoh 11di? T'00'aho nii'yoi.

Sider? Sider?

Thank you. (Translation of Native language spoken: THANK YOU!) Ah4hee'. (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. AH\$HEE'.)

MR. S. TOM: I didn't know I was going to say something, but my other uncles didn't show today. So they're in meetings and they're a part of the chapter councils, too. So they have meetings also.

MR. S. TOM: Doo ndi hadesdzih da nisooh niy1. Shi[naa'ash 477 doo niy1ad, 47 d0' T11' Sinil7 j7 binaanish 47 sh99h y22h doo n7y1a da.

But we grew up here in this area and I'm back there with my brother Tony from Pipeline Road. And you know, everybody talks about this land here. And why? Why did that dam break? Why did that dam break? You guys know why it broke?

Kwe'4 na h0sa' gi nihi yaada hazl99' shilah bi[Tony nigh47 Pipeline Road d66' 77t'9. D77 kwe'4 k4yah s8'3n7g77' baa y1 deel ti' Ha'1t'77sh biniy4' ? Na'n7'1 dee gizh7 giish sh2'? Ni hi[b44 da h0zin 477 na'n7'1 dee gizh7gi.

The reason why that dam broke, he just said right there, his grandparents used to lease that land where that mill is set. They used to live across on the south side. That's where we used to get your drinking water. From there to where we live. That was our drinking water. And when they shut that down, we had to go to Gallup to get our drinking water.

J0 biniinaa na'n7'1 deegizh7g77' 47' baah00ne' shim1s1n7 1kwii dib4 y1 naaltsos dah yo[tsos n7t'44' jin7d77 [eetsoh dak'1h n7't4'7gi. \$7 bish1di'lah j7 go dabighan n7t'44'.!1d00' 47 nihit0' 1deil9 nihi ghan j8'. J0' 1ad00' 47 t'11'1yis77 nihi t0' h0l0- n7t'44'. \$7' 11j7 bida'deel k11l go N7l47 Na'n7zhoozh7 d66' t0' 1n11deel9h.

But that dam and that area there was traditional -- they used to do a lot of traditional ceremonials there for winter and summer. Right there where that dam's at, in that area of that dam. And that's a sacred place, too, that mountain itself. When they were trying to round up all the Navajos they used to hide up there and they used to say a lot of prayers up there. And right before that, that place, that -- before that water ended there used to be a burial ground there. There's some infants that were buried there from that -- the elders that used to live there. So why? Now you guys know. Now you know why that dam broke and caused chaos through here. It was through -- it happened.

!kw77 nah0sa'gi hat11l dandtslah7g77' 1n7daal88h n7t'44' haigo d00 sh98 go' 477 na'n7'1h7gi; ts'7d1' na'n7'1 bi[haz1n7gi' 47 hodiya go haz3 d00 dzi[s8'1n7gi t'11'1t'4 hodiya go 1t'4. Nah honidzood d33; 1k00h nihi

Din4'4 n7dad7n7 t'99h n7t'44' d00 l'3'7 sodidzin a[tah l't'4ego bee hada'isdzii' go bee hodiyyin. Ts'7d1' 47 na'n7'1' llyaa h7gi d0' y00' lda'alne' n7 t44'. {a' t'1h aw44' ldaat'4ego akwe'4 da hoghn n7t'4h7g77 be'aw44' go d0' akwii nah Ha'l't'77sh biniinaa doh n7n7g77' 477 d77 biniinaa' lk0 dza. Bi[haz1n7gi'.

And here, even here, these mountains. When Annie was talking about her prayers -- see these mountains, the mesas, those are breasts of this earth. And that's who we pray for and who we talk to in the mornings. And there's a lot of areas in this area that are used traditionally. Right here in this area. Even where we live right up on top of this mesa here. Right where that second mine shaft there's a lot of herbs there that we used to use. And they told us to leave it. And they promised us. People will come over and promise us.

T'11' koo ndi, d77 kooh dzi[da n7' 1h1 g00 dahodiyin. Annie '1hn7 sidiszin go n7; d77 dzi[d00 dzi[dan7k1n8g00, 47 Ni'asd1ln bibe' ldaat'4. \$77 bi[sidiilzin, bidah die ghal go nihi sodizin bii' d00 bi[da n7t'i'go' 1b7n7 go bee sodiilzin. K00h nahosa' g00 l3'7 kot'10 diyin go hon7'32 go chiiniil9 k00h. D00 n7l11h j8' go dzi[da n7k1n7j8' go bik11'di da nihighan j8' go da. Ak44d66' han11'lg4d n7t'4' 66h g00' 47 ch'il azee' t'00'ahay077 h0l0 n7't44' t'ladoo chii yino[9n7 nihi' doo'niid. T'0 bee nihi ya hoo giz. T'0 kot'20 nihi[yahe klah nihi y1 da hoo giz d00 nihi ni da'alo'.

Yes, we're going to build you that -- leave that hogan alone. It's contaminated. Because I built that when I was 16 years old with my grandpa. And he -- they told us to leave that alone and get out of there. So this day. But 25 years now it's just sitting there waiting for somebody to come over and build our hogan that I built and build a new one there. And it's just sitting there. They said it's full of radiation. And a house that sits next to it

is the same thing, too. So they told us to move out. But nothing's ever been done.

D77 nih1' 1da diin7[—11j7 dooda nahj8' ha'nooh. {eetsoh bideezla' bin77' d77chxaal 11 ha'n00h. H1st'33h ts'1a dah shin11hai go shicheii hoghan bi[77sh[aah y66h. kodi hoolzhish di naadiin asdla' n11hai t'ahdii t'0 s8'32 go biba' [a' 7n7dooln77[bee ha'oodzi' y66h ch'44h n10 w0dl9. T'0 s8'3. {eetsoh bideezla' bin77' d77chxaal 11 ha'n00h. Kin [a' b77ghah gi s8'3 47 d0' kot'4 ha'n7. Nahj8' nihi'di'n7i go, doo haadei t'4ego' 1n44h da d77j98 di.

We been told, hey, yeah, we're going to help you people out, this community, all of us that live here. Nothing's been done. They just made their money and off they went and left us with nothing.

Aoo', nih7 k1'1dijjaah nihi'd7'n7i go, kwe4 k44hwiit'7n7g77, t'11'an77l tsoh. !din t'ah doo' 1n44h da. T'0' 11j7 bib4eso 1dayiilaa d00 n711g00 daazl99' kodi nih7' 477 1din.

But you know, I say this, when you work in these mines, there's 524 mines, uranium mines still that are not claimed. And people come over and say hey, that's -- let's just work on this one area and cement -- put cement on it and just cover it up. Why don't you just -- this is an idea for you guys: Why don't you guys take it to one whole place and take care of it all at one time instead of having it in all different areas? And people complaining to you and saying hey, you know, do that for an idea. Make something up where it can be all in one place, not in different areas where people will complain. Put it in one area. And that's all I have to say.

J0 b44h0z7n7 go, d77 hada'ag44d gi nijilnish go, asdla di n44zn1diin d00 bi';aan naadiin d99' g0 kot'10 bi[hon7'3 nihi k4yah bik11'gi, t'11'1t'4 [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadas gee d8g88 at'4 t'0 bik'i ho noodzood go nahaz3.

T'11[1'7go ts4 n11dl44[7 bi[yaa ni doot'1[binida diil nish ha'nooh.Doh hanii t'11't'4 t'11 [ahj8' t'11[1h7gi a[h2' 0[44h go k4yah n1sh00h dah. T'ladoo t'0 dikw77 g00 sh99h bi[nahaz1n7. J0 y4ego baa saad h0l=. D77' gi' 1t'10 sh7 baanits4s kes. T'11[1h1j8' t'11[1h1gi ni[haz10, t'ladoo dikw77 g00sh99h bi[hon7'1an7. Koj8' hasdz77' doo.

MS. HOOD: Okay. I would like to have Jonathan Perry.

MS HOOD: H1g00sh99h, Jonathan Perry kodi.

MR. PERRY: Good afternoon, everyone. (Translation of Native language spoken: Acknowledging my leader). Mr. Nez, good afternoon. Commissioners, good afternoon again. Thank you for inviting me to speak to this body here today. I do appreciate the time given.

MR. PERRY: Y1'1t'44h a[n7'n7', t'11' 1n0[tsoh. (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. Shi naat'1anii) Mr. Nez, y1'1t'44h a[n7'n7'3, Commissioners nih7 d0', y1'1t'44h a[n7'n7'3 n1 1n1. Ah4hee' kwe'4 h1go da shi dooniid go saad bee sh1 da ho[a' d77' 1[ah 7l98 gi. Saad bee sh1 ho[a'7g77 baa' ah4ninin.

My name is Jonathan Perry and I live up the road not too far from here, a few miles towards Crownpoint. And there are several points I want to make today to our Commissioners. And I know earlier I kind of started yelling, but I'm not a really -- I'm not a mean person unless you get on my nerves with my people here.

Sh7' 477 Jonathan Perry yinishy4, d77' atxiin7g77 b22h shighan kod00 doo n7zaad da, Tsists'0z7 bich'8' go. D7kw77sh99' a[k44' haz32 go bee nihi[hodesh nih Comissioners noh [7n7g77 d99j9. T;ah ab7n7 d33' t'0y0 ho dii ts'a' go nihi ch'8' has dz77' ne' ndi do' 1y00 ch1h ch8' s4[32 da shidin4' b0'0h ts'ih go t'47 y1 1k0 shi[9h.

So it's really hard because everyone here has been telling

the same account over and over and they have to go to meetings all the time. You have government officials that come in almost every year and they have to repeat their stories over and over again. And it hurts. It hurts them to think about it. It hurts them to think of not only the pain they're going through as individuals, but the people they lost, the family members that are no longer here, those that can't make it out to events like this because of physical disabilities. It's really hard.

Nanit[‘ah y4ego, t]11[1’7g77 b11 n1ho dinih go b22h niniikai ‘1[ah da’aleeh g00 t’47 t’11’a[ah j8’ biniy4 hidii k11h go; W11shindoon bi[hon7’32 d66’ nihaa na’11 daah go t’11[1’77 baa nida ho diil nih go. Ts’11’1yis77 bik’e’ diniih go’1t’4. Bik’e’ diniih t’0 baa nits7h1 kees gi. Bik’e’ diniih t;11h0 bee’ hach’8’ an1 hwiit’4h7g77 baa nits7jikees d00 baa na hojilnih gi, 7nda hak’47 haa n11 hi diily1 h7g77 d00 t’11 nihi ghan d00 da ldaa din 7g77 da 7nda t’ah nidaakai ndi d00 b1 y1’ash0od a bitah di bee bich’8’ 1n7 da hwiit’4h7g77 kot’10 has [32 g00 adood11[doo b1y1’1sh0o g0 da t’11’1yis77 b1 y7n7i go 1t’4.

And this base that we're here on today is very sacred in terms of the people that are here, the community members. Earlier the gentleman stated that the medicinal plants, the location, that's really important when coming to a place like this, acknowledging our culture, acknowledging who we are as Dine, the way we do things here, how we conduct business. It's not the same as when you go off to cities or other places across the country. When you come and you visit us here, make sure and please acknowledge and respect our space as Dine. Make sure that we have time to speak. Make sure that we have that ability to share what's really on our mind, on our hearts.

Kwe’4’ d77j9’ a[h77 kai h7g77’ d0’ y4ego diyin go’1t’4

b711'1asdla'ii Ni'asdl1n nihi k4yah, kwii k44h da ha t'7n7g77. Kod00 [a' Din4' 1n7 nihe' azee' bi[nahz3 n7, d77 binaj8' baa nits0kes kwe'4 daho diyin go nahaz3, nihe'] 4' ool88[h0l= B7la'asdla'ii Din4 niidl9 bee nihaa'1ho nosin. !da'iil7n7g77 da bee nih44h h0zin, l[ah nida'al4'gi lda'77l7n7gi da. D77 doo n7l1adi kin a[k'ih da di t'32d di d00 a[tah Din4'4 lda' o[7n7gi' It'4eda kodi.Kwe'4 nihaa noylago 77shj11nDin4 niidl7n7gi d00 nihi[haz1n7gi bee' nihi[nohl9 bee'ladaa'lko no dzin. Ha da doo dzih gi d0 b7ni' t'ladoo oolki[bee' nihi' di zh88zh7. D77' ts'7d1 nihi j47 bit['ladi d00 ts'7d1 nih7 ni' bii'di bee' nihi' da'di[lh1g77 bee nihi d1 lh doo baa da hane'.

As NRC Commissioners it's very important that you are here, and I do appreciate you taking out time, but there's a responsibility in the Federal Government. All of us here as Dine, even our past leaders and those that came before us, upheld our treaty, 1868. We were here. Our Code Talkers went off to war. They protected America. They came back. We still have veterans here today who did that and who called -- who took that call. We were asked to support and defend America. They've done it.

NRC noh [98nii, t'11' ayis77 nihi[nil9 kwii nihaa noh kai h7g77 d00 nihi naanish bita'gi hoolzhish go kwe'4 nohkai baa'lh4h niidzin. Kwe'4 bee'lnlhwit'4h7g77 [ah d00 nih22h sill W1lshinidoon bi[go. D77 Din4 nihi' di' n7n7g77 d00 nil32j8' Naat'lanii nidas dl99'ii Naaltsos S1n7 Ts44b77 ts'ladah d00 bi'aan h1st3 diin d00' bi'ann ts44b7 yihah d33' bee' a[gha' deet'1n7g77 t'ah dii nihi[719. K00h honiidl0h 77d33'. !ld00 nihi Sil10 [its07'7 Naabahii—Code Talkers, da'ahijigh1a g00 nihi ch'33h k4yah asdladiin a[hii' sinil7g77 yi chx33h adahaazbaa'. D00 ninlhaskai. [a' t'ah dii kooh nihitah h0l=, d00 t'ah dii kot'10 d99j98 di nihi Din4'4 t'ah dii anaa' sil10 g00' aheh k11h d00 ninlh1k11h. Asdladiin k4yah a[hii'sinil7g77 bichx33h ni dah baah nihi' doo'niid d00 t'11'1k0 da' iilyaa.

The other part of that, of the Treaty of 1868 needs to be upheld by the Federal Government, and that's the protection of our people here. Far too long we've been hurting. Far too long the companies and corporations have been coming in here. They've been applying for licenses. They've been applying for permits. They've been coming in identifying areas. We would not go to a church and say we're going to build something in the middle of the church. We would not dream of going to Arlington Cemetery and desecrating that area of the cemetery. And that's the same respect that we want here.

Aad66' Kin1h1gai d66' W11shindoon noh[98 nii d77 Naaltsos S1n7 Ts44b77 ts'1adah d00 bi'aan h1st3 diin d00' bi'ann ts44b7 yihah d33' bee' a[gha' deet'1n7g77 t'ah di7shj98 di nihi[da' 7198 go y1't'44h, nihi Din4'4 t'11 b00lt2' go. N7zaadg00 yee' t'11'1yis77 nihi k'eeh ti' da hwii'niih. Naanish yi[da die y7n7i hii t'0 kodi nihi yik'ih naakai go n7zaad g00 naahai. Naaltsos bik'eh go' ldoonishii d00 binaj8' ni' doonishii da y0keed go. D77 k00h daan7i go k4yah n7dayiil11h. Nih7' 477 doo aadi nihi[yah adiid11[go ts'7d1 kwe'4 d77 sodizin b1 hoghan7g77 bin7i gi t'11dool4'4 lda diin77[di dii'ni[da. Ts'7d1 doo Arlingtondi sil10 [its07 y7 shij4'4di bi[nida hwi dii yiil dlah da, jo hodiyyin go haz3. T'11' 1k0t'10 nih77n7 keed kwe'4.

The gentleman here stated earlier, down there there's burial sites up in the areas when they were rounding up Navajos in the 1800s. There's areas that they stuck out, at that they hid, that they protected. Those sites are still here. Those stories are still with us. The ceremonies that we still practice, the songs that are connected, the stories are still there with us.

!niid nih1 hastx07 kwe'4 [a' 1n7 nigh477 g00 Din4 Tseeb44ts'1adh yihah d33' nai da ho n7 dzood d33' t'11' ak00h [3'7 nash jool n7'.

Da bi n00' g00 sh99h t'ah dii nah1z32 go't'4, 477 daho diyin a[d0'. T'ahdii k00h nihi[h0l=. Nihi nahagha' l daat'4h7g77 da sin d00 sodizin bi da diit'I d00 bi[dan7ti' 7nda hane' bii' dan7ti' go k00h h0l=.

Our umbilical cords that we bury for our children to come home to identify where they're from is still there with us. To this day a lot of our people still have that. Our young people, the young gentleman that spoke earlier talked about his place here when he grew up. He's going to carry that throughout his whole life. His siblings, his relatives that are now grown are going to carry that with them their whole life. So I'm asking NRC uphold the treaty as a part of the Federal Government that you are. Protect the Navajo people here.

Niha' l[ch7n7 bits'44' b1 [eeh da hii' n7[7g77 naagh1a d66' y4n1lniih doo biniy4 t'ah chideil9 d88j87 di. Nihi Din4'4 d77j98 di t'ah be'4'ool88[l daat'4. Niha'l[ch7n7 nots4[7, [a' kod00 nahasne'7gi 1t'10 [a' kod00 k4yah d00 da hi des kai go hoghan t'ah y44 daal nih, t'11'sh99h kot'20 hoolzhish g00 bighan y4n1lniiig doo. Bik'47 d0' k00h k44dahat'7n7g77' 1k0 daat'4 d77shj989 di. J0 nih7' [ah d00 Kin1h1gai d66' W11ashindoon bits'10' a' 1n0ht'4h7g77 b22h 1nihi dishn7 Naaltsos S1n7 bee' a[ghah dadest'lan44h bik'eh g00' 1n0ht'4. Nihi Din4' bich'33h na'o[aa[.

The other thing I wanted to mention is that as visitors here to this region we often talk about Navajo Nation or Navajo Reservation, but what I want to talk about is looking back generations and generations of our people that live in this region this is Navajo land, the Napeequa.—Din4 Bik4yah. We have stories that go back multi generations here. I'm mentioning this because I want you to recognize and acknowledge not only laws that exist within the books, but our Dine fundamental law that exists with

our people here as well.

{ah go d0' baahadesdzih, [ah da d77 kwe;'4 Din4 bik4yah Kin1h1gai d66' k4yah b1 y0t3'7g77 s8'3 d00 kwe'4 ndts11go bi[nah0sa' gi ts'7d1 dikw7idish99h a[hii'h11'77ch88h go kwe'4 nihi z1z7 k4yah yik11'gi k44hdahat'99 n7t'44' lko Adin4 bik4yah 1t'4. Niha hane' d7k77dish99h a[k'44' iichiih go hane h0l=. D77 baahashne'7g77 binaj8' kwe'4 nihi[b44 h0zin doo nisin go biniy4, j0 Bee Nahazlanii [a' ndtsaago naaltsos bee naaznil d00 koj7 d0' Din4 d0' t'11 b7 d99' go Bi Bee Hazlanii h0l=, bit['1hdi naazl1.

The four components that you bring up: customary law, traditional law, common law, natural law, these laws that we incorporated that not only our grandparents, our great-grandparents, but going back centuries -- these laws never changed. Today you have laws that are being introduced by Congress. They get changed every few years. Dine fundamental law never changes. It's been the same as it's always been in the past and it is today.

D99' go kwi baahashne' [a' T'11b7 Bi Be'4'ool 88[7g7 – Customary yee Has3—Bi Bee hazlanii, T'11 Nih7 Nihe'4'ool88[Bi[Bii'N7ti' go Bee Hazlanii—Traditional Bee Hazlanii, T'11 Nahd66' Bee'4'419 danil9n7g77—Common B44 Hazlanii, d00 Ni'asdz11n Hinlanii Bi[Niti' gi—Natural Bi Bee Hazlanii; D77 nihi Z1z7 n711hd66' yei yilnish sh66h bi[da n7t'i go nihi Bee Hazlanii doo [ahgo' 1n44hii 1t'4. D77j98 di Naat'lanii Kin1h1gai di yah an1jaah7g77 B44 Hazlanii T'0 1deile' go hoolzhish; t'11 d7kw77 y7 nin1h1h1h go Bee Nahazlanii [ahgo' 1n7 n11 daal88h. Nih7'h7g77 Bee Hazlanii' 47 n7l47 d66' t'11'1lyaa y66h gi' 1t'4 d77j98 di t'ah dii t'11'1t'4h7gi' at'4.

So I'm asking you to consider that. And in that I'm saying that to respect our relationship here and what we call (Translation of Native

language spoken: Kinship relationship to everything), our relatives, our system of relationship, not only with the people here, but with the land, the air, the water, these elements that make up who we are and our position, our place on this earth. Because every person here, every person that's sitting in this cha'a'oh, this Shade House, has a purpose and has a place. We each have a value. I know the three of you understand that.

D77 baa nits0kees. Binaj8' nihi[no [9, 477' 11h dii' n7 K'4. (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. K'3 t'11' a[tsohn7 bi[k'e' diin7) nihik'47, ldoone'4 nii dl7i nii bee daa k'4h, doo b7la'asdla'ii t'47 dah Ni'asdz1 ln, ni[ch'ih d00 t0 t'11' a[tsoh hin1anii bi[k44hwiit'7n7g77 nihik'47.T'11'1niitsoh k0ne'4 chaha'oh g0ne' siid1h7g77 biniy47 biniy4 nihi'deely1. D00' anii dl9. D77sh sh99h bik'I dooh txiih nih7 11d66 t11' go nih7 tsot1n7g77.

Now in doing so the Navajo Nation also has two other laws I want you to guys to be aware of. The Dine Natural Resources Protection Act, which was passed in 2005, is very important. We call that the DNRPA. And that's to say that the Navajo Nation wants satisfactory cleanup of all its sites before any discussion begins on any new proposed mining, whether that's conventional mining or in-solute mining, or ISR as some of you might call it.

D00 d77 Din4 Biw11shindoon d0' naaki go Bi Bee Haz1anii h0l=, d77 d0' baa' ak0 noh sin doo. Din4 Natural Resources Protection Act woly, Naadiin d00 bi'aan asdla yihah d33' Bee Haz1anii sil99'. DNRPA dabi dii'n7. D77 Bee Haz1anii binaj8' hashne' k4yah d1lchxo' g00 n7d11lzh00' go 7nda ha'ag44d ts'7d1 hazh0'0 baa k'7hw77nee'ni' go baa yln1n1 ti' doo dish nooh ldishn7. D77' ha'ag44d a[tah adaat'4 h11'd77shg77sh99'doo; ISR ha'n7n7 g77 da, j0'477 d0' a[22'1daat'4ego bee'da'7n77sh 11j7.

The other one is the Radioactive Transportation Act of 2012, the standards that we need to have in order to carry out these plans that you are going to be presenting. How is that going to look to Navajo people, to Navajo Nation, our leaders here, the position that they have with at the -- to be at the table for these discussions, to respect our leader (Translation of Native language spoken: Our leadership), to respect our other people here? We have other leaders here as well. They might not be elected officials, but these are leaders. They came. They're representing their communities.

{a'7g77' 47 Radioactive Transportation Act of 2012—Bee Hazlanii Naadin d00 bi'aan naaki ts'ladah d33' haal ts'id. Kwe'4 baahwiin7t'7n7g77 y4ego b7d44t'i' 11j7.Haash noolnin doo kod00 nihi Din4 nahdi da b7 n7 ghan 7g77 yin4[98 d00, Din4 Bi W11shindoon d66', Din4 Binaat'lanii da, H11'7sh99h yee naaz7n7g77 bi[dan7t'I' go d00 kodi nihi[1[ah n1dleeh go nihi[da n1h11z t'32 go, t'11' daats'7 nihi nanit'1'7 nihi[da'7198 doo. (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. Nihi Naat'lanii nil7n7g77) d00 k00h nihi Din4' 4 a[d0' t'11 nihi[nil98 doo d00 t'11'a[tah 1t'4ego nihi naat'lanii h0l= yigh11[d66' y1 naaz9.

We have people not only from here, from this region in Shiprock. You have people from Tachee, Blue Gap. You have people from Cameron. All of these locations across Navajo Nation. We are all concerned about this.

K'ad k00h Din4 [a' Naat'lanii N44z d66', T1hchii—Bis Doot[‘izh d66'. Na'n7'1ha S1b7 d66' d0 k00h; t'11' a[tsoh Din4 bik4yah bik11' d66' k4yah d11 chxo'7g77 bi da'dii[1h.

There was that report and I'm wondering how NRC, if you would report back on the GAO report from May of 2014 identifying the shortcomings on why -- why do the people here have to hear updated five-

year plans every single year? Why is it failing? It's a failure. This report stated that the IHS, U.S. EPA, NRC, Department of Energy, all of these agencies are failing the Navajo people. But we don't hear reports about how are they changing it? What are they doing different? We don't hear that.

{ahgo na'ask11' go' a[hii yi'nil, T'33tsoh Naadiin d00 bi;aan ts'ladah yihah d33' haalts'id W11shindoon b1 na'ask11 go [ah g0' da'a god g00 b44 dahozin7g77 bii' yisdzoh ne' d77 asdla' n1lhai g00 [ah go naanish a[hiih yi'nil go— Five year plan yi[n7, 477sh ha't'99h biniy4 t'11 nin1h1 11h bee nihi[n1 h1 nih, Haash yidt'10 doo naalnish da? T'11'yis77 doo bee' adin77sh da. D77 naaltsos bee haalts'7d7g77 W11shindoon d66' HIS, EPA, NRC, Department of Energy t'11't'4 d00 Din4 dahi n4e[gi doo hazh0'd77 naanish y1 dil n77sh da bik11'. Hai t'4ego' naanish a[k44' nii'nil [ahgo' InInalyaa gi bee y1't'44h go adoonish ha'n7n7 g77' 477 doo bee nihi[n1h1ne' da. Ha'1 t'77sh 477 biih n1hes dzoh go [ah go' It'4ego bee' oonish. D77 kwe'4 haz1n7gi doo baa da hojil ne' da.

So I'm hoping that after today you would come back and tell us these are the corrections we're going to make, this is the course of action we're going to do. That's more important.

D77j98 d00 bik'ih j8' sh99h nihaa n7 dooh kah go kwe'4 naanish n7das k'33z d7 doh ni[n7 da doo k'3s da g00 b44 h0z7n7 doo. Ts'7d1 k0t'10' 47 bee' adoo nish doh n00h baa ho do[nih. K0t'10' t'11'yis77 aghalgo h1'77 s7niil ts'32'.

And part of that, too, is the cycle. Now as individuals I want you to look out at everybody right here. Look at everyone. Do you see value in everyone here? Yes, you do. So do I. And I see value in the three of you as well as individuals. But let me tell you, we can talk clean up, but we're not being honest if we grant new permits. We're not being honest when

we grant new licenses. Whether that's in another location up the road down here -- and let me tell you why. Because all of this is connected. Okay?

T11' 47 naa nish bi[n7ti' gi d0' h1i t'4ego bi[a[h44 hwiil zhish/ bi[hool zhish doo, neenij8'. K'ad 47 t'11[a'7 niit'7n7go 'aad00 nihi tah doha[kwe'4. Da nihi n0[9. Da' ni hi h0 n44dz32h y7sh--nihi[y7sh aniidl9 go nih77 n7'9? Aoo' daoh 9h. Sh7 d0' yish9. Nih7 d0' aad66' t1n0[t'4h shi[noh [9 d00 nihi h0needz3. !kondi, k4yah ni dool z-[dii'n7i go [ahj7 go' t'ahdii naaltsos—permits d00 licenses bee [3' oolee[go t'0' a[ch'8' nihi yoo ch'77d. Naaltsos—permits d00 licenses kodi da, nigh477 g0yaa da atxiin b22h g00 da d00 koj7 go da bee l3' ii dle[goo t'0 y00ch'77d 1t'4. J0 d77' 11'1t'4 a[hi da dii ti' go bee' oonish—[eetsoh haa g44d7g77. !k0t'4.

Earlier Larry, Mr. King brought up the HRI issue. That's true. Because NTUA, our tribal utility authority that manages our water infrastructure, passed a resolution years ago stating that they are in opposition of ASA -- UA -- or I'm sorry, SUA-1508 because all of this area serves over 10,000 Navajo people for water. And it also serves multiple communities going in that direction, northeastern direction. So NTUA was aware and they said no, please don't do it. We don't support it.

!niid Larry, Mr. King HRI oonishj7 yaa haadzii'. \$77 t'11' an77h. Nihi T0 yaa' lhal y1an7g77 NTUA l3'7 n11 hah d33' Saad Bee' lda Ni hwi dii t'aahii yeeh SUA-1508 yid t'32 j7 nii kai dooda daan7i go; h1al1 ts'7d1 neezn1a di dim77l y1zh7 B7la'ashdla'ii d77 t0 chi yo[9 1k00h. D00 koj8' Nahook-s d00 ha'e'e'aahj8' go dikw77sh99 bi[nahz1n7g77' d0 t'11 d77 t0 chiyo[9 1lj8' go. NTUA bi[b44 dah0zin, t'11shood7 d77' bee'ado nish go dooda dad77ni7d, dooda bee nih7 k44' ndii kah da ho doo'niid.

So in being honest and going forward and saying that you're

going to help the people, the other part of that is making sure that no new mining happens. Please.

!ko yoo ch'77d b22h 1din go kod00 neenij8' nih7 k1' adii jah doh n7, ako' 477 [ahj7 go t' ladoop ha'ag44d7gi naaltsos binaj8' da 7n77sh7g77 t' ladoop t'0 bee [3 ni da' ayo [eeh7 doo. T'11shood7.

It's really hard because for years I've been fortunate for my relatives here and across Eastern Agency to look at me as a leader. I'm a chapter official and I'm a former council delegate. But the work was always hard because we don't get that time with the federal entities. We need better communication. Our support for the Navajo communities need to be improved.

T'11 y4ego nanit[ah t'11'an77. Ndi d7kw77sh99h n1 lhai kodi Ha'a'aahj7 shi Din4'4 naat'1anii' 1n7sh da shoo d[77[go b1 naash1, k'ad T11' Sinil7j7 b1 da s4d1 d00 B44sh B33h Das8'1n7 nish [98 n7t'44' nahd66'. T'11 na nit[ah go'lt'4 a[d66' W11shindoon doo hazh0'0 bi[ni da jilnish g00. Hazh0'0 a[ch'8' y471 ti' nih1 y1'lt'44h doo y66h. Hazh0'0 t' ladoople'4 Din4 b1 bik44d siiz98 go sh99h nizh0n7.

These 5-year plans, 10-year plans that exist are failures because number one component, our people here should be at the table at all times. They are not. Some time, most of the time we get plans where there -- it's being pushed on our communities. That's not the way it should be. Okay?

D77' asdla' d00 n44zn1 n1 lhai naanish bits'1 ni doh soh7g77 doo naalnish da, biniinaa' lt'4h7g77' 47 nih7 doo [ah d00 siid1a da. Doo [a' 1k0t'4ed da. {ahda t'0 bee nih7' doo yi[[e' agh1a go.!kwe'4 doo' 1kot'4eda ya'.

Earlier Shadek, my older sister, mentioned the Uranium

Commission. When President Shelly was in office I remember him putting that task force together. And I attended all of those meetings. When I became a delegate that was my first legislation that I introduced, the Uranium Commission. And Delegate Nez, or Mr. Nez at that time was delegate and he was the second one to sign with me. I remember I walked out of the office and he was coming in. So we talked about it.

Shad7' kwe'4 Uranium Commission yaa haa dz77'. B4 n1shiih Nih1 Naat'1anii Shelly dahsid1h66h d33' 47 da yines bin ne. A[ah nida'ale' 11j7 t'11'a[tsoh sh77 na[ne'. B44sh B33h Dahs8'1n7 s4l99' d33' 1kwii haz1n7g77 '1dooln7[g7 biniy4 Naaltsos hadish[aah d00 B44sh B33h Dahs8'1n7 bid1lh doo nin7'3. &&d33' Mr. Nez d0' B44sh B33h Dah s8'1n7 nil9 477 zhi' sh1' naaltsos yik11' 1yiilaah ne'Sh7 kodoo ch'8 nish sh11 h0' 47 11d66' yah aj77 y1. Akwwi ha ch'8' bee hasdzii' d77 naaltsos.

But that legislation was important because it allowed the people here to sit and be involved. That was the main intent behind doing that. It needs to be revisited.

\$77 Bee Haz1anii k00h Din4 y7nah1st32 go' baa niy1 dasii[ti'. T'11 1k0t'10' 1dooln77[biniy4 1k0lyaa. !kondi n7 doo k3s.

Mr. Nez, please revive that commission. Make that a priority. (Translation of Native language spoken: Please my leader).

Mr. Nez t'11shood7 11j7 y1 dah nah1zt1n7g77 n1hi di[na[. T'11 tsx7[7go' 1d77l77[. (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. T'11shood7 shina ni t'1'7)

But aside from that, going forward I want to also acknowledge that there was a proclamation in October that was signed by our tribal leadership. October 21st of 2021, the proclamation by President Nez, Vice President Lizer, Speaker Damon at the 24th Council, they acknowledge

there's human rights violation by NRC, violation of our right to life, our right to property, our right to health, our right to our culture, our right to be Dine.

N11s n11n1, kod00 d0' [ahgo n11 h1st'3 Gha22j9' naadiin [a' yo[k11 Naadiin Naadiin [a' yihah d33' naaltsos y4ego' ndtsaa go b44'44 da h0zin7g77 nihi naat' lanii bizhi' yik11' Ida yilaah ne' D77 N11t' lanii Nez, Akee' sid1h7g77 Lizer, d00 B44sh B33h S8'1n7 y1 y1[ti'7g77 Damon naadiin d00 bi'aan d99' gone'8g88 bina[, D77 B7la'asdlaii)och'77d Bee Bi'oonish gi NRC d77gi' ldaat'4h7g77 yeeh nihi 0[ch'99d yeeh nihi naal nish ho doo'niid; lina bee B7la'asdlaii bee b1' ah00t'i' gi, Nihi k4yah chii niil99h gi, nihi ts'7s bi[hon7ti' gi, nihi be'4'00188[, d00 Nihi Din4 bee niid198 nii. Bee Haz1n7g77 t'11' a[tsoh k'ih jiiizti'.

Human right violation is very, very serious topic. Whether you're talking about the American Declaration of Right (audio interference), whether you're talking about the United Nation Declaration of Rights of Indigenous People, or you're talking about our own Dine fundamental rights here in this area.

B7la'asdlaii)och'99d bee bi'oonish gi ts'7d1 y4ego baahasti'7g77 It'4. D77'1aj7 [a' bi[n11n7ti'7g77 da American Declaration of Right (doo hazh0'0 diits'a' da kwe'4), dooda go United Nation Declaration of Rights of Indigenous People, da d00da go t'11' n7 nihi B44 Nahaz1n7g77 Din4 Fundamental Rights k00h nihi[sillh1g77 da baa y1'ti' go baa dahasti'.

So in that proclamation and with the support of various communities -- and I keep getting closer because is this making more noise. So it's not (audio interference). But there's chapters, over 80 chapters that signed resolutions and passed that supporting what the Eastern Navajo Dine uranium mining and what the proclamation said.

D77 Proclamation—Naatsos Bee Hodists3'7g77 t'11'ayis77 bik44' ni'7ldee' k44h da ha t'98 g00 bi[na ha z1n7 g00. Nihi ch'8 heesh1[kwe'4 ayoo diits'1' (doo hazh0'0 dits'a' dah), Tseeb7diin T11' Sinil7 bi[honi'32 g00 kwe'4 Naaltsos Bee Hodists'3'g77 bee' lho doo'niid7g77 Saad Bee' !da ni ho diit'ahii bee bik44' nii kai a[do'

There is also resolutions from the school boards, McKinley County, the BIE schools, other entities that exist in our community saying do not approve new licenses. You see the devastation that we have. We don't want to carry it on for another generation.

Saad Bee'1d1nihodit'aahii Da')lta' d66' d00 Tsine hes j77' yik11' nahazt1n7g77 bits'32 d66' ha da hi neez dee', McKinley County, BIE, d00 koj8' bi[k44h da hwii t'7n7g77 da nihi k44' niikaid77 naaltsos binaj8' ha'ag44d die y7'jeeh7g77 t'ladoo t'0 bee [a' ooleel7 ha'nooh. T'11'lyis77 doo y1't'44h da. Neeni'j8' n1ls yidt'11[go dooda hodoo' niid.

And I'm going to plead with the three of you because the Federal Indian policy is still genocide. It still exists very much today as it did in 1864. Our young people are still being born with health discrepancies. Our people cannot even rely on IHS for quality health care. These were all entrusted in the Treaty of 1868, but the Federal Government failed us.

T'11'lyis77 nih77n7sh keed d77 kwe'4 '11d66' t11' go nah7s00 t1n7g77, j0 Federal Indian Policy t'ah bee' adoogh3[go' d00 bee'lnihi' dool d88h go' 1t'4. T'1h dii' t'11'1k0t'4 nigh47 d66' Tseeb7 ts'ladah d00 bi'aan h1t33h d00 bi'aan d99 yihah d33' bee'lnihi' dool 88d7g77 t'ah biniy4 sill d77j99 di. Niha'l[ch7n7 t'ah dii doo bits'7s t'11'1t'4 ha da di[t'4eg00 nida ha ch77h ko di. D77 HIS ndi doo ts'7d1 ahe[t'4ego b0h0 needz33 go' azee' 22h 7[9i da. D77 Kin1h1gai d66' W11shindoon tseeb7 ts'ladah d00 bi'aan h1t1 diin d00 bi'aan tseeb7 yohah d33'

bee bi[a[gha' dii t'3 ndi doo ts'7d1 biighadi Kin1h1gai d66' W11shindoon yeeh dil
n77sh da

Now in this we're asking, recognize our human rights, recognize that we are individuals, and recognize that the Federal Indian policy is grossly inhumane. And you three, along with the other Commissioners, can go in the right direction with that. You can end racism. You can end environmental genocide destruction with your choices, and we're asking you to do that. Please revoke license SUA-1508, protect our people, do what you can to make sure that these plans are going to be functional and that they are going to benefit our people. That's what we're asking for. And look at -- into the eyes and faces of everyone here of the journey that they've been through so far in life, how hard it's been.

Hazh0'0 B7la'asdla'ii niid198 go bee nih1'ada haz ti'7g77
nih7'd0' nih1'1t'4. T'11[a'7 niit7n7 go nih1'1t'4. D00 d77 Federal Indian Policy
woly4h7g77 d0' ts'7d1 t'0 baa'ih d00 B7la'asdla'ii bee binij0lnish 1t'4edah, nih7
kwe'4 t11'go n1h7sts00 t1n7g77, d00 k00h Commissioner danid17n7g77 y1'1t'44h
go' 1da doo[77[go' 1t'4. D77 racism—1[tah Din4'4 od11, bi'jo[ch'99d, doo ho[
ni1998 da--woly47 ni do[tih go' 1t'4. &nda K4yah bik11' g00 doo' a[he[t'4ego
)och'99d, Ih na'adlo', ajood11 bi[n7ti'7g77 a[d0' ni do[tih go 1t'4. !k0 do[77[nihi
dii'n7. T'11shood7 naaltsos SUA-1508 n1t'33' ha n7 do[tsos d00 Din4 bich'33h gi
ni dooh kah, ak0 nihi nahat'a7g77 ni[dzil nihi Din4'4 yine' a doo kah. D77 nih1 n7
di di doo[44[. K00h B7la'asdla'ii binii' d00 binak'eeh g0ne'4 d7n0h 99' t'11' 1yis77
nah d66' d00 kodi k1 naakai go bi[da h441 zhizh. Ts'7d1 sh99h y4ego b1 ni da nit[ah
go y4 n1s kai.

You're seeing how our average spring day is her. From February to May this is how it looks. I woke up this morning and said it's a

nice spring day. Some of us get accustomed to it. But even the wind is holy, our holy people that's acknowledged, that has its purpose. It's trying to clean out. It's trying to take away the evilness. Maybe they knew you were here. Maybe they're trying to say this is what we want you to do. Get everything out from these communities.

K00h Daan go' 1hoot'4h7g77 [a' wo[ts3. Ats1 Biy11zh d00
T'33tsohj8' k0hoot'4e [eh. Ab7b7 d33' ts'44nis dzid d00' d0ola do' h0zh0n7 da
dishn7. J0 [a' nisiiz9 bi da neel din. Da N7yol ndi da diyin go' 1t'4, biniy47 b1 h0l=
N1ho dishooh nahd00' danichx0'7g77 ayitso[. T'11 sh99' 77d33' nani h0l77h nih7.
K0t'10' a' doo[77[sh99h da nih7[n7. D77 kwe'4 K44hwiit'7n7gi kod00 n7l1h g00
k0da doo[77[

So with that, Commissioners, with respect, I do ask for you to please make the necessary choices and changes that will impact everyone here and their relatives, all the communities in the Eastern Agency (Translation of Native language spoken: Thank you leaders). I thank you again for taking time out today. Thank you.

!k0 n7[tsoh, Commissioner, nihi[da'niidl9, ndi t'11shood7 t'11
b0h0 n4e dz1 n7g77 bee' 1da' doo[7[d00 t'11 doo 4'4 [ah go' 1dool n7[7g77 hazh0'0
baa nits4 h1s keez go' bee ni da doo[nish, kwe'4 bik'eeh ka na' aldeeh koj7 ha'1'aah
j8 k44 hwii t'7n7g77. (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. Ah4hee' shi naat'1anii),
Ah4hee' kwe'4 noy1h7g77 n11 d7shn7 d77j9. Ah4hee'

MS. HOOD: Thank you so much, Jonathan.

MS. HOOD: Ts'7d1' ah4hee' Jonathan

I would like to have Chris Shuey come up.

Chris Shuey kodi ni n1 l n1

MR. SHUEY: (Translation of Native language spoken:

Greetings everyone, greetings to our leadership here and thank you.) It's good to see you again.

MR. SHUEY: (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane. Y1't'44h t'11'1n0[tsoh, Y1't'44h nihi Naat'1anii k00h h0l=- n7g77 d00' ah4hee') Y1't'44h go n11 da'a[hiilts3.

Members of the Commission, none of us remember (audio interference) Nuclear Regulatory Commission visit this area. Madam Director and my friend and mentor Edith here. I have just a few things to say that will focus on some of the health studies that we have done, but I wanted to take you back a little bit to the history of the tailings site up here.

Commissioner noh [7n7g77, doo [a' b4neiniih da (doo hazh0'0 diitsa' da) Nuclear Regulatory Commission [ad kwe'4 y7kai go.Naat'1anii asdz11n, d00 shik'is d00 b7 hosh aahii Edith kwe'4. T'11'1[ts'77s7 go kwe'4 nihi ts'7s nida siil k1'7g77 baa hodeshnih. ![ts4 kwe'4 n1t'33' d77 [eetsoh [eezh bi[haageed7g77 baa ho desh n7 kwe'4 nah0s a'gi.

It was the -- Section 2 was acquired by United Nuclear back in 1969 for about \$29,000. And the records are in the McKinley County courthouse. In 1974 they prepared the site. There were people, as one of our friends had mentioned, who had been living there because it had been state land that the state leased to BIA, which leased to grazers from the area. But they were not -- had title to the land, so United Nuclear came in to prepare the site and the people had to leave.

D77---k4yah naaki g0ne'4 s8'1n7g77 47 NUnited Nuclear nei yis nii' N1h1t'47 ts'1adah d00 bi'aan h1t3diin d00 bi'aan n1h1t'47 yihah d33' Naadiin N1h1t'47 di dim77l y1zh7 b33h az 199'. McKinley 1[ts'7s7 go ha hoodzoh7gi

Aadahwiin7t'9 bi[haz1n7gi naaltsos sinil. N1h1st'477 ts'1ada d00 bi'aan tsosts'id d00 bi'aan n1h1st'47 yihah d33' naanish b1 hasht'eh hoolyaa akwe'3. !k00h Din4 k44hda hat'9, [a' yaa hoolne' kwe'4, [a' siz9 H0tsaa go hada hasdzo bik4yah BIA yich'8' 1h n1' 1t'1a go' 1y0sin, 47 [a' 1kwii k4yah bil99' b1 ban1' 1t'1a go chi yo[9. Doo' 477 k4yah binaaltsos y1 da yo[tsos da ndi, 11d00 United Nuclear 1kwii k4yah naanish y1 hasht'eh hal44h go Din4 1kwii da bighan n44h nahj8' bi' doo'n77d go ha dah1az n1.

The dam was built in '74 and '75, a clay core facility on the site of the arroyo, which was not an appropriate place for any kind of long-term management and containment of radioactive waste. It would not be permitted today. The tailings spill had multiple causes including differential settlement at that transition zone between the starter dam, which was overladen, both on the bedrock and on the alluvium of the pipeline arroyo. But operational errors occurred. The south pond was overfilled. It's freeboard was supposed to be limited to five feet; it was two feet. There were cracks in the dam that were photographed a year before the spill. These things all contributed to that.

Na'n7'1' 477 Tsosts'id d00 bi'aan d99' d00 h1st33h yihah d33' 1lyaa; biy11 di hasht[ish di ts'id7 sikaad go t'11' 47 bikooh gi', doo ni zaad g00 b1 boho n44 dz1a da ndi 1kot'4ego' alyaa [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed y66h bi deezla' bi[t0 bii' w0t3' go. D77j98 di' 47 doo bee Haz1a da. D7kw77sh99' a[tah 1t'4ego biniinaa na'n7'1 desh chxosh; 1t'10' 1lyah7g77, na'n7'1 biih hegeed 1n7[d11sgi, d00 bikooh j8' na'n7'1. Na'n7'1 a[d0' nidaazgo b44'yis t[in ts4 k11' bidii' 1h7gi d00 t'11 [eezh bi[nehe'e[bidii' 1h7gi. !ko d77' bee'ool z77' sil99'. Sh1di'lah j7 go t0' bill1h di' Ineelt'e', bid11'gi sh99h asdla' k4 sill' 1n7zah doo dei ndi naaki k4 sill 1n7zah die go t0 da hi d4y77h d00 dei go bitsis doo nah gi. Na'n7'1 477 [a' n11ahh

d33' das ta[go' a[hes kid go b44 h0zin. K0t'10 sh99h b22h na'n7'1 deegizh.

It's been alluded to that people were taken aback by the spill and people walked in the river not knowing and they were exposed to that battery acid that Teri Keyanna talked about. It had a pH of one and a half. That caused burns on the skin. But all the potential and actual health effects were not -- were just ignored and really not even attentive to -- by the federal agencies.

D00 na'n71 dee giz d33' t'0 bik'eh daz dees yiz ha'n7 d00 t0 ch'7n7 na go [a' bii' ni dajis aki go haj11 d00 hak44' dah da d77lid do sh99h ho[b44 da h0zin g00 n00h Teri K4yanna yaahalne'. T0' 77[t88h si[kid7gi '47 t'11[a'7 d00 na'a[n77 gi si[kid go y4ego' hah1 g7 yi di[[id.lkondi ats'7s gi' doo baahwii n7s t'98 da, t'0 nahj8' go daz d44z 99' d77 W11shindoon d66' nidaalnish7g77 doo yaa n7das t'98 da. .

The work that we have done -- and when I say we, I'm talking about my organization, Southwest Research and Information Center in partnership with our colleagues at the University of New Mexico. We started to be able to find the federal money needed to study the health of the people around these areas, but it was probably 20 to 30 years too late. We should have been doing it then.

Naanish 1deil yaa h7g77' 47, 1deilyaa h7g77 dishn7n7 g77' 47 t'11 sh7 shinaanish Southwest Research d00 Information Center woly4 d00 Bi[ni dash nish7g77 University of New Mexico d66' [a' an1jaah. W11shindoon bi b4eso h1da d7 n7i t'99 go na'alcaahgi [a' hazl98 go kwe'4 b7l1'asdla'ii bits'77s [eetsoh bideezla' 22h dah as12n7gi nida'siil k11', lkondi naadiin d00 t1diin yihah bee' akee' sidl00'. T'11' 11j7 naanish haalwod y66h d33' 1dei t'00h sh99h biigha n7t'44'.

But what we have seen since then is startling. People ask

us -- I'm part of the Navajo Birth Cohort Study staff and people ask us wait a minute, you guys have found uranium in newborn babies? Yes. Before that nobody thought that the heaviest of metals on the face of the earth could go beyond the placenta. It does. And unfortunately those concentrations increase in the first year of the child's life.

Bik'7' da nee t'32'7g77 bik'7h da heelk1'1'7g77Din4' Din4 [a' t'0 bik'eh da deelyiz, Din4 [a' nida n7h7 d7[kid---Din4 Birth Cohort naalkahj7 b1 naashnish, nanih7' d7 kid go '1daa n7[eh da' t'11'aan7i go aw44' Iniid ni da hazh ch7n7g77 [eetsoh bideezla' bii' go ni dahaazh ch9h daa n7i [eh. Aoo'. T'ah doo naalkaah 44h d33' 47 d77 [eetsoh ts'7d1 y4ego ndaaz go doo awee' bii[477 biij8' k0 doo n7[da go baa nits7 h1 kes n7't'44'. !k0 doo n77[go' 1t'4el1. !1d00 d77 [eetsoh bideezla' aw44' bits'7s bii' di yileeh go k'ee' aan noo y44[go n1hah 11.

We have seen as a result of 1,800 women and children in our study that there is a widespread increase in uranium and other metal concentrations in people's blood and urine throughout the Navajo Nation.

Ts'7d1 tseeb77 ts'ladahdi neezn1 diin di dim771 y1zh7 biighah go Asd1n7 daa lts32 go d00 1[ch7n7 ni dl98 go n7 da niil88h go bi[ni da shil nish nideil kah go, j0 [eetsoh d00 t'11dool'e'4 b44sh da ni daazii l'3'7 go bi ts'77s bidi[d00 bilizh bii' j8' nihaleeh sil99' d33' kwe'4 Din4 bik4yah bik11' g00.

It's a cross-sectional study, so we accept anybody who comes in. You don't have to live in a uranium-impacted area. We've had to develop reference levels for metals in biological fluids that exceed that of the national studies that the CDC does every three years. Only about 14 percent of the people in our study live within five kilometers of an abandoned uranium mine. So there's exposure going on all the time out here and that's what makes this history so unbearable.

Na'iikah7g77 t'11' 1t'4 b1' 1t'4 biniinaa t'11 nihi[yah ahe kah7g77 neil kah. Doo {eetsoh haag44d bi da'77n77sh gi haghan ndi naho diil kah. J0' CDC oonish d00 b44sh ndaazii billadi si[kid go ha nii t1 ako h11 d00' 477 bil1h 7g7 '1dii dzoh go b44 halizh d00 hat00' 1daat'4h7g77 naalkah doo. T'11' d99'ts'1adah Din4 nitsiilk1'1g77 t11' tsin sitx3 biighah go [eetsoh hadas geed b77 ghah g00 da bi ghan la. Ako t'11' ah33h [eetsoh bideezla' t'11' 1[ahj8' b44 j7gh11h go haz3 d77 biniinaa t'11'1yisii baa hasti' go hoolzhish.

In this particular area as a result of doing a cross-sectional study called the Dine Project in which we surveyed 1,304 people; one of the largest studies ever attempted on Navajo, and we got -- collected blood and urine from 267 of them as volunteers, we've essentially found that the closer that you live to mine waste, the higher your risk of hypertension, kidney disease, especially during the mining period, and autoimmunity. And we're finding that there's this combination of metabolic chronic disease that is pervasive among people who live within these mining districts.

Kwe'4 na' siil k1'7g77 t'11 nihi[yah a he kah7g77 binaj8' neikah go biniinaa t11 ts'1adah d00 bi'aan d99' di neen1 diin dam771 yazh7 ni siil k11', ndtsaa go Din4 bik4yah gi na'ask11' 11. Naaki di neezn1 diin d00 bi'aan hast1 diin d00 bi'aan n1h1st'47 go bi di[d00 bilizh ni siil k11' naakahgi t'11b7 77n7dzin go naask11'. B7 niik1'1g77' 477 t'11'1h1n7 g00 [eetsoh naag4d7gi haghan go' 477 y4ego w0dah di hadi[na'a[kid doo d00 ha chx3' 1sh k'1zh7 d00 hatah di t'11'a[tsohn7 doo yich'8' ha'0ln7i da doo 11. &nda na'iikah go [ah go Metabolic chronic disease yi[n7 y4ego '22h da has 32 go 1t'4e11; ha di[w0dah di na'a[kid, d00 1sh88h [ikan hadi[bitah7g77 w0 dah g, d00 hatadi ak'ah t'0 daa t['ish7g77 l3'7 go b44 hach'8' nahwiidoo na[. ha'ag44d bigh1h gi haghan go.

We don't necessarily follow cancer; not that it's not

important, but it's absolutely critical to understand that the mines are contributing to the extensive health disparities that already exist in marginalized communities like these.

{00 doo n1dzih77' 477 doo nisiil k1a da, t'11 y4ego' i' di[1a ndi, j0 d77 [eetsoh bi deezla' nihitah di' 11 heit'4ego y22h da has 23 11 j7 hazh0'0 d7 nool 88[biniy4 na'siil k11'. T'11 y4ego' 47 nihits'77s tah di y4ego bee nihi ch'8' 1n1 hwiit'44h k00h [eetsoh haa geed bighah g00 k44h da hwit98 go.

It's important to know that -- and part of this exposure is from the -- we believe from the redeposition of materials off these waste sites. These sites have sat around for several decades. They have weathered and they have developed a thin layer of super fine sub-micron particles on the top. And sub-micron -- a micron is a million of a meter and it's very small. But you can inhale these things deep into your lungs, into the breathing sacs of the lungs. They don't get caught up here in the upper respiratory tract. And they can lead to cardiopulmonary toxicity that we've observed now in laboratory animal studies.

T'11' 1yis77 nihi[b44 h0zin--- [ah d00 y4n1y1h7g77 kod66'--- 47 nag g00 [ah go nin1 1n1 jaa'7g77. D77 [eetsoh [eezh bi[hada' as geed7g77 t'0 t'11' 1k00h naazhjaa' go dikw77 sh99h n11hai. T'11' 1k00h naazjaa'go nin1 h1hah go bik11' gi a[t'32' ago ni n7 k'33z – sub-micron yi[n7. D77 sub-micron yi[n7n7g77' 47 dim77l tsoh a[ts'7s7 go w0lta'7g77—meter yi[n7, bee n4198 go naaltsos niddt[iz go bee nida'iinih 77 d44t'3'7' gi' 1ni[tsoh, 1[ts'77s7 yee' doo. 1[ts'77s7 yee'7g77 biniinaa bi[az doo dzih go b77ghah n7l477 haj47l z0l7 bits'00z bii' nida nes dizi bii' g0yaa. Doo t'11 kodi w0dah di haj47l z0lii di bi[az doo dzih da, 11d00 ha j47l z0lii bi[hon7ti' j7 y22h da hwii do[a[, j0 kot'10 na'iilkah go nihi[b44 hozin.

This is why it's absolutely critical, as Jonathan Perry and

others were noting, to figure out how to speed up the process of cleaning up these 500-and-some-odd mines. And as one of the gentleman said, it makes a lot more sense to try to consolidate mine waste into a few sites because they need to be monitored forever, right, rather than piecemealing each of these places that -- it's going to take 100 years -- our great-grandchildren are going to be -- maybe sitting here in 100 years talking about the same thing if we don't come up with a comprehensive plan that the Federal Government gets in back of.

T'11'lyis77 baahasti' naazjaa'. D77 biniinaa Jonathan Perry d00 koj8' hada has dzi'7g77 lko daa n7. T'11' tsx7[7go k4yah asdla' di neezn1 diin d00 n7woshj8' nihi k4yah bik111' g00 naazh jaa'7g77 nida dool zho[ha'n7. D00 ko d00' l7n7 d7kw7ida a[hii' j8' bi[yaa ni da'asnil go b0h0 n44 dz3 jin7.J0 [eetsoh [eezh bi[ha das geed y66' nah g00 ko daal yaa go t'11'a h33h bik'ih n7' d4 t'88h doo hool11 g00 'a[d0. T'0 d7kw77 dah a[aan naazjaa' go d0' doo y1'1 n1n1sh shoo da doo a[d0'0 n1 n4188h gi. Neezn1 diin n1h1ai g00' ab7 n11 nei dool k11[. Naaki di n1 tsoi d00 n117 daats'7 ko d00 nin11 h1zt32 doo yaa y1 n11 da[ti' go neezn1 diin ni n1n1 hai di, d77 doo hash t'eel yaa g00 W11shind00n yok44' ni doo gh1[7g77..

Let me remind you that uranium was located on the Navajo Nation and in the southwest and the Colorado Plateau as a result of the government's need for fissile material for the Manhattan Project, later for the Nuclear Weapons Program. All of this came from that point.

D77 [eetsoh Din4 Bik4yah d00 k00h Shadi'11h d00 E'e'aah j8' d00 Dib4 Ndotsaa Haadzoh7g77 bik11' g00 naazh jaa'7g77 bee ni h44n1sh n77h, j0' 477' Kin1h1gai d66' go Manhattan Project dik'3' dil don nii dei n7 zin go Nuclear Weapons Program—anaa' bee' lho doo n77[gi chii doo' i[biniy4 b1 hada'asd geed. D77 t'11'at'4 'anaa' bik'ih j8' bee' lho doo n7[biniy4.

This mine, the Northeast Church Rock Mine, was actually an early contract between UNC and the Atomic Energy Commission in '65 and was part of an agreement between Santa Fe Pacific Railway and the Navajo Nation that allowed uranium development on odd numbered sections back in 1959. And that was signed off on by BIA. And so we have federal responsibility that has never really been acknowledged and accepted.

Ha'ageed, d77 Northeast Church Rock gi ha'ageed7g77' 47 H1st3 diin d00 bi'aan asdla' yihah d33' UNC d00 Atomic Energy Commission d00 Santa Fe Pacific Rail way d00 Din4 Bi W11shi doon a[gha' da des t'32 go k4yah bi numbo doo' a[hee[t'4 h7g77—odd number—g00 hada' ag44d go ha das wod, nigh47 Asdla' diin d00 bi'aan n1h1t'47 yihjah d33. %77' 1aj7 BIA naaltsos yee l3' as [99'. D77 yee' Kin1h1gai d66' k00h [eetsoh [eezh bi[ha das geed go naazh jaa'7g77 b7 go'1t'4, ndi t'0 yilla g00 deez99'.

We have lots of folks that we've collaborated with, with the Navajo Nation, with U.S. EPA, NRC, DOE, and largely good people. But it's really at the highest level of the Federal Government that action needs to be taken to give the justice that people in these communities need. And this is just one of many that we've worked with.

Ts'7d1 l3'7 a[a' a[y007 d66' naanish bi[da da'7n44h d66' bi[nida shiil nish, Din4 Biw1lshin doon, Kin1h1 gai d66' EPA, NRC, DOE Din4 y1'1 daa t'44hii dani198 go k00h k44h da ha t'7n7g77 bitah g00 ni da shiil nish, ako a[hee[t'4ego k4 ni dool zhoo[g7—justice, b7la'as dla'ii ti' da hooznii' 7g77 b1 hash t'44[44h. D77 da bi ni dash shiil nish [ah d00.

You know, I'll just leave with a comment that -- I've been out here for 40 years. That picture of the dam break that my colleague Paul Robinson took the day after the tailings spill is the only one you can find. If

somebody else can come up with a ground level picture of the breach, we'd like to see it. But during that time I always felt as kind of an environmental assister to these communities' guilt going back home to Albuquerque, my little comfortable home. And I didn't have a tailings pile or a couple of mine waste out in the back yard.

D77 d0' bee nihi[ho desh nih—K00h nash nish ho d9zdiin shi n11hai. Na'n7'1 desh chx0sh y66h d33' [a'aj9 azl98 go shik'is Paul Robinson na'n7'ah desh chx0sh d33' 1y77[kid, 47 t'47y1' eelkid, doo [a' na'n7' 1h [a' 1n11yi[kid yish 89 da, [a' naoh tin go 77sh j11n 1doo[77[. !ko h00 t'iid33' t'00 y0 baa sh7 ni' [eh Be'eld77l Sinil g00 shighan g00 n11sh 11[go j0 shighan 47 doo [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadas geed7g77 doo [a' shighan b77ghah g00 ya n11'1a da, biniinaa 1k0 ts0s sin.

So out of that adversity comes opportunity, and that opportunity for you folks is to bring this message back to the Federal Government, to your own staff and back in the scoping meeting in March of 2019 that the staff was at in Gallup. I said to them get out of the Twin Towers of Mordor -- that's your building -- and come out here and walk the arroyo. See the force of Mother Nature and the water that comes through here. We have a very serious problem of guaranteeing that that repository will not fail if this plan goes through.

Kot'10 kodi haz1n7g77 sh99 nihi Kin1h1gai di W11shindoon 11j7 ni daal nish7g77 bee bi[n7da ho do[nih, t'11 sh99h bi[ni daa[nish [a', d00 d77 Na'n7zhoozh7 di W00zhch'77d naadiin d00 bi'aan n1h1st'477 ts'1a dah d33' 1[ah ni da' so [99' y66h d33' a[hi[ni da hosii[ne' ne'. &7d33' 1d77niid, t'1adoo t'0 h11 dish99h t'0 kin bii' ni da[nish7g77 bii' nah 7soo t'32d d1ah7, kodi B7la'asdlaii k44h da ha t'7n7 di bikooh g00 da ni dao kai go nihi[ni b44ho yoo zih dishn7. D77

yee' Ni'asdaan t'11 b7 be' adzii[yee naalnish k00h t0 ni da di goh g00 ndi. D77 baa ni daoh t'7n7g77—plan doo joo k1a da d77niid ne' 1adi.

And so I stand with the community to recommend that you withdraw the EIS and commit to a multi-agency, multi-jurisdiction process to find solutions to this uranium mine waste problem with people from the communities at the table. Otherwise, like I said, we're going to be talking about this -- our grandkids are going to be talking about this 100 years from now. Yea.

Sh7 kwe'4 k44hat'7n7g77 bi k44' s4z9 d77' 1[ts4 k4yah bik11' gi na'ask1'7g77 1[ts4 nahj8' ni no[tsos, d00 kwe'4 W11shin doonii t'11' a[ah1j8' a[ch'8' d7 nii b88[go d77 [eetsoh bi deezla' bee'1n1hwiit'4h7g77 kwe'4 k44hat'98nii d0' [ah d00 dasi d10, baa y1 n11 da diil tih d00' 1t'10' 1dooln7[7g77 bee ha' doo dzih. Doo' 1dzaa g00' 47 nihi tsoo k4 d00 nihi n117 k4 neezn1 diin n7n11 n1 hai di t'ah dii yaa y1 da[ti' doo.

MS. HOOD: Thank you, Chris. Next one.

MS HOOD: Ah4hee' Chris. N11n1 [a'.

MS HOOD: MS. H. NEZ: (Translation of Native language spoken: Yes, greetings to all of you here. We came to this meeting. We came here a long time ago and many areas where there's impact of the same type of – of various type of hazard to human health risks that we've, we maybe unprivileged peoples (audio interference).

MS HOOD: MS H. Nez,

MS H. NEZ: (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. Aoo'. Y1'1t'44h kwe'4 1[ah noh [9n7g77. Kwe'4 1[1ah 7l98 go [ah niikai ne'. Dikw77 sh99h n1 lhai d33', 7nda t'11' k0t'10 Dinb4 bik4yah [eetsoh bi deezla bee ni da haazh chxo'7g77 d0' bi[1[ah ni dei dle', t'11' 1yis77 [eetsoh bi deezla' bee' nihi ts'77s bee bich'8' 1n7

da hwii t'44h go' 1t'4, doo daats'7 b7la'asdla'ii 7h 198 nii dl88d da' 7y22h [Doo hazh0'0 diits'a' da kwe'4])

Let me introduce myself first, I am from Black Mesa, Blue Gap Tachee is where I'm from. A plateau mesa like This table -- like mesa -- Black Mesa is like this table. With valleys stretching in different direction among other mesas. There are many, many people in that area. Different ethnic groups of people, there for work, or hold business, some people don't seem to care too much about the environment any more therefore it's difficult. We are in an area where it's difficult -- has difficulty because people act and think differently as well and impacts from this area is hard to deal with the issues without being educated on it.

[!ts4' nihich'8' 1d44hosih, Dzi[Yijiin d66' naash1, Bis Doot['izh --T1chii' d00. D77 bik11' ad1n7 nahaloo' dzi[da si t1h d77 Dzi[Y7jiin 1k0t'4e go da si t1. Dzi[bitah g00 ada dzis gai go.. Din4 t'11 l3'7 1adi da bighan lko, a[tah Din4 nihitah h0l=, ni daal nish, [a' naanish yi[da bighan. {a' Din4 doo ts'7d1 k00h k4yah bik11'g00' 1hoot'4h7g77 bi' dii[1a da nahalin, ako nanit['ah go'1t'4. Bee nanit['ah7g7' 477 Din4 a[tah 1t'4 go nits4 kees d00 a[tah 1t'4ego be'e'ool9' nei l4h. D77 [eetsoh bideezla' bee' 1n1 hwiit'4h7g77 d0' b0hoo'aah go t'47 hazh0'0 hol ni b4e ho yooz88h go bik'izh diit99h go h1y1'1t'44h d77 biniinaa b11 y1 ti' doo gi d0' nanit['ah.

I am thankful that you are here. You are my children's and including people that are from the Federal Government. You finally thought of us down here. Please listen to those people that are speaking. From there you're able to take this information and do something and assist us in the cleanup of the uranium waste risks and impacts. And thank you.

Sh7 baa' ah4 nisin k00h ho noh [0n7g7. Sha'1[ch7n7 sh99h da

noh [9 d00 t'11 b00l t2' go W11shindoon d66' nihaa'7l d44'7g77 d0'sha'1[ch7n7 da j7l9. T'11 shooh kodi nihaa nits7 noo k44z la. T'11shood7 ko d00 Din4 ihi ch'8' ha da ha dziihii dei y7 tsin0[ts'33' doo. !1d00 sh99h d77 hada'is dzi'7g77 n7di dooh [ee[go aad00 bi di doo[nish go bee' 1k1' adii jaah go nihi k4yah ni da diil zh-[, d00 bideezla d0 baa ni da diil nish, d00' ah4hee' doo.

My son Jonathan, the president, is here. We are -- your last name is -- your last name make you our son. Thank you for being here. We have been impacted by the environmental injustice that is occurring at this time. You are here. I am Helen Nez. This is my daughter and this is my son. I have a son that lives out of the Reservation. I have one sister. We are -- we have had a lot of shortcomings. And many of my children are gone, them they passed away, who were past the age of fifty years. This is the only children that I have right now that are living. The others have been -- have deceased. It's very hard for me.

D77sh shiy11zh Jonathan at'9 Nihi naanit'1'7, k00h naa ghah. Ah4hee' kwe'4 nihaa y7 n7 y1. D77 nih7 k4yah bik11' g00 ni da'anish7g77 doo' a[hee[t'4egoo bee nihi' oo nish d77sh j98 di. !kondi k00h nih47 y7n7y1. Sh7'47 Helen Nez !sht'9. D77 shich'4'4 d00 d77 47 shiy11zh at'4. Shi y11zh [a' nilladi nihi k4yah t['00di bighan. Sh1d7' t'11[1'7. D77 ts'7d1 t'00' ahay077 t'11dool4'4 a[oh ni da haazt'i go bee' nihi ch'8' ni da hwis n1a. Sha'1[ch7n7 dikw77 sh99h shaa n11 diil y1. Shi t'3' adaadin daazl99' [a' asdla diin d00 niwoshj8' b44 d11 ahi go. D77 t'47 sha' 1[ch7n7 j7l9' ka'd. !ko' 1y00 na'ii[n1a go' 1t'4.

It really moves me when -- it's emotional when I hear people speak about the impacts from the uranium mine. But all these concerns are very emotional, the very aspects of hazards in the body. I want to see this happen. That the meeting does have a positive outcome. I want to see that

you are able to help us from the Federal Government. You have to sit and listen and turn this into something that is useful for the people that you are listening to.

T'11'1yis77 shii' n1 ho di'11h d77 gi' 1t'10 {eetsoh bi deezla' Din4 yaay1[ti' go. D77 [eetsoh bi deezla' bee' 1 n1hwiit'4h7g77 y4ego bik'eh kahna'aldeeh go na'i[na, bideezla' a[tah 1daat'4ego nihi tahdi' bii' di nih7 dash jah7g77 doo y1'1t'44h da. D77 1[ah siidl9' 7g77 nih1 n7 di dool y44[nisin. A[ah sidl9'7g77 nih1 yidoo tsooh go k4yah nih1 nidoolzhoo[. Nih7 Kin1h1gai d66' W11shindoon [ah d00 nih7 k1'1 dooh jaah.aad00 n1h7so0 t'1ago da'77 s7n0[ts'33' d00 kwe'4 ha da'is dzi'7g77 binaj8' hazh0'0 dooh k2s go bee'ado[wo[kodi.

Where is it that you will be able to contribute? Just like this Black Mesa that I'm talking about, these the Navajo people, the other Native Americans that we live with beyond. We live with the Hopi Tribe and we have the White people as well as the White Mountain Apache that we live with and we're intertwined. We are the Navajo people. We want to be able to see this cleanup, because we have compassion for life, the -- compassion and reverence for both people and the earth. Why can't we come together for to work together and see a result-- in the prior years we have come together to really sit down and see how we can contribute to create a plan that will be used to initiate cleanup of the mess.

Ha1'711' [ah d00' adesh wo[11 noh sin. D77 Dzi[Y7jiin di d0' t'11 k0t'4, nihi Din4'4 d00 koj8' 1tah Din4'4 bi[k44hwiit'7h, d00 bil11h g00 da [a' kodaat'4. Kis1anii bi[k44hwiit'9 7nda Bil1g1anaa da d00 Dzi[{igai Di4 da t'11'1t'4 a[k'ih des diz ak0. Nih7' 47 Din4 niidl9. K4yah nidadoolzho[gi yi diil ts44[niidzin, j0 baa y7n7, hin1anii bich'8' nida hwii'n1ago jin4[98 go, y4ego baaha joob1'7 d00 nihi[nil9. Nih7 Ni'asdz11n d00 Ni'asdz11n bik11' gi hin1anii t'11'1yis77 nihi[nil9

d00 da di yin go ldaat'4. Ha't'77sh bininaa doo' a[hi] diil nish da, ha't'77sh t'33' koni hosin. Nahd66' a[ch'8' n7di nii b88h ndi t'ah doo bee'lho doo n7lii [a' bik'I' diil n7i da kwe'4 k4yah [eetsoh bideezla' bee' bi' doonish7gi, t'0 nihi] da ho di chxosh go doo'44h0zin da.

The Blue Gap area has some uranium mines as well. We've made some mistakes in the past. We don't know how to carry out a cleanup, those of us that live out there. It's very emotional for me because a lot of my children have passed on. I remember them during their birthdays. I just cry because it's emotional for me.

Bis Doot[;izh di t'11' k0t'10 [44tsoh bideezla' t'0 bik'ih hoh noodzood go h1nida'azh nish y66' h11 g00 sh99h da dzizl99'. Nahd66' sh99h t'11'1n77 00lzii' ldeilyaa go' 1t'4, bee l3' nida'iizl99' gi. Kodi k4yah nidoolzhoo[gi doo nihi] b44 h0zin da, l1di]eetsoh bideezla' bitah di da nihi ghan7g77. T'0 b11 h1 dzid go baa y7n7' a[d0', j0 sha'a[ch7n7 shaa n47 dii' nil dish n7. D77sh j98 di daazh ch7n n44j8' 1n7 da hwiil zhish go haa dash cha [eh.

What kind of impact are out there, and we are just we sitting around and waiting. You federal government didn't tell us that this was risky. We didn't get the safety aspects of uranium mines. Nobody told us this. It was so -- it was the Federal Government that took the resources and paid others for money. We feel -- I feel people are more empathic I know we Din4 are that we're more compassionate than that.

Ha't'77sh 1yis77 [eetsoh biudeezla' nihitah di y47n7t'7h, t'0 k00h nida hiil tsaad go t'0 biba' 1niit'4 nahwin77dlin. Nih7 Kin1h1gai d66' W1 lshin doon noh [98nii t'ladoo d77 b11 h1dzidgo' 1t'4 nihi doo niid da, bee'22h33h asin 7gi naanish bi[dan7ti' gi t'ladoo bik'eh g00' 1'o[al da. Doo ndi bee nihi] h00ne' da' a[d0'. D77 Kin1h1gai d00 [eetsoh nisin n7igo k00h [eetsoh hadas geed ndi t'0 b1 ni

da'azhnish gi t'47 b4eso' 1daalyaa d00 n711h g00' daazl99'. Y0 w44 go, t'11' siih dinidzin [eh, nih7' 1k0 niit'4, siih di niidzin go jiinii ba' hinlanii bich'8'.

I think all of us in the prior years when the exploration was happening –that we should have ask questions about what is it that they want that brings them here? We should have sat down with them to determine what they were looking for. We want to know the miner's historical past -- we want to go back and find the historical issues that would have been a problem, but we didn't. We have educated people here that will see to these issues because they're educated.

Sh7 baa n7ts4skees go, 77sinisin T'11 n7l47di t'0 nida'a[kaah y66h d33' ha'1t'77sh yiniy4 k00h nidaakai, ha'1't'77sh h1 dei deez99' da dii n7i go daats'7 nih1 ash ja'iilaa n7t'44 nisin. &7d33' bi[dah di neebin go h1 dei d44z9'7g77 kwe'4 baa y1 deil ti' n7t'44' sha' shin. H47t'4ego nahd66' ha'ageed j7 na'anish gi h1nida'azh nish7g77 da, b7na da'77 d7 diil ki[n7t'44' lko' 477 bee'1n7dahwiit'4e doo gi' da b44 da hozin doo ne'ndi t' ladoo da sil99'. K'ad 477 k00h nida' asta'7g77 ihitah j0 11j7 bii' dahojoo'9go d77 nidaji[kaah go doo k0 n11' doo'n7i[da.

Now we're at the table. We are now sitting with an overwhelming problem. So we need to come together to do this together so we can create a successful program, projects that will clean up our land. We went to Fort Sumner on the Long Walk because the federal government alleged that we were infringing on others.

K'ad k00h atah [ah d00 siida. Ndi ts'7d1 ndtsaa go' 1n1 hwiit;44h nihi d11h s8'3 k00h. Hazh0'0 a[h77 dii kah go kwe'4 [eetsoh bi deezla' d00 k4yah ni da dool zho[gi b44 baa ni diil nish7g77 hasht'eh diil n77[go nih7 k4yah hasht'44h da doon77[. N5l477 Hw44l di go' n ani hi' di nees dzood,T'ah nah d66' Kin1h1gai d66' B44 Na hz1a nii doo bik'eh da hono[98d da n00h Hw44l di g00 nah nihi' di

nees kaad.

Our medicinal medicine are disappearing, we were not able to get the medicine. Some herbs are very far to find; we went to the ocean for herbs. We were told that we were marauding tribes. We were able to come together with other Indian tribes to be able to save our own people. These are some issues that we live through. It was overwhelming at that time.

Nihe' az4' k00h ni da ha dleeh y66' 1 da bi' nii diid, doo baa da hazt'I' da g00 t'47 da h0l=, N7l477 T0 niteel bighah di [a' bin7y4' t1dii kai nih7. {a' n11 D7ne' baa t'88h n1 k1h d00 bee da'noh 88h da nihi' di' n7i go nahash zhiizh. Din4 [ah d66' n11n1 kahii bi[a[ah n7dei dleeh go yis d1 yii kai.K0t'10 nihi[nahash zhiizh nah d66', Y4ego ndtsaa d00 t'I'7111 ne' hwii ni dzin go nahash zhiizh.

I am 80-plus years old. Maybe 12 years -- maybe this meeting will be lost to my mind because I'm getting older, we better record all this. I don't know if this meeting is even being recorded. I would like to see this be -- to be recorded. I think many of you are in support of this idea.

D77 tseeb7 diin d00 niwoshj8' shi n11hai. Naaki ts'ladah daats'7---d77' 1[ah nii dl7n7g77 daats'7 doo shi[b44 hodoo dzi[da, n11s yish [ee[go, saad daats'7 bik11' yi'ni[. Bik11' daats'7 bik11' yoh n7[go 1t'4. T'11'1yis77 saad bik11' ni doh i[. L3'7 sh99h a[d0' 1kw77 noh sin.

We are Native people of different tribes who have lived through some of the horrendous injustice we've lived through here. There's people living all the way from the beaches of Western Pacific Ocean and more people up this way. We are compassionate peoples. We are a people of reverence. We believe in the sacredness of the natural resources.

Bik1g7 Yisht['izhii nii dl98 nii a[tah 1niid t'4enii dool1 d0' sh99'

at'I' ni hi' dool 88d da nah d66' hoolzhish d33' doo B711'asdl'a'ii niid198 g00 doo' a[hee[t'4ego nihaa n7ts7h1 kees go. Ts'7d1 [3'7 Bik1g7 Yisht['izhii dani 198 nii 4'4'ahh d66' t0 niteel d00 dei go dabik4yah go ak00h dabi ghan. Da jii niiba' go 1niit'4. T'11' a[tsoh nihi[da ni 19i go k44h da hwiit'7 k00h. Ni'asd1 1n bik11' gi h0l=-nii—hin1anii ts'7d1 diyin go nihi[nil7.

Maybe that is why we are talking about it and you don't understand what we mean. You don't understand us, but if you can pick it up so we both can pick up what we each mean, you and I want to understand each other's -- we have to talk. That's the only way that we will all understand each other.

D77 kot'10 baa y47lti' go daats'7 doo bik'i' dooh tiih da go baa y47l ti'. Doo bik'i' dooh t88h g00, 47 heit'4ego da ni di doo[44[1k0 t'11' a[ch'ish d66' a[k'i' dii t'1a go nih1 y1'1t'44h doo, t'11' 1yis77 baa y47lti' go t'47' 1doon77[, j0 kot'10 t'47 nih1 k'ih doo doo[go a[k'i' dii t'1a do.

Our children, our future generation, that is a big, big issue that I want you to take home with you. Our children. No matter how much you've cried about it, you can never overstep these issues that I feel they will live with if nothing becomes of this meeting. It will always remain, whatever mistake you've made or leaving something incomplete. These leaders are presenting to you what they believe will assist in the cleanup.

Niha' 1[ch7n7, kod66' n11 nohts44lii, ts'7d1 ndtsaah go bi[shi zh00d 1kwe'4, 47 sh1 ni di doo[44[go baa ni do[nish. Niha'1[ch7n7 sil1a gi. Ts'7d1 13'7di baa j77 cha ndi doo bitsis nizh di dool ta[da. D77 kwe'4 a[ah nii dl7n7g77 doo yitsoi g00 b7 yii' ni n1 1n1 kai doo. T'11' 1j7144h sh99h doo t'11' a[tsohj8' hasht'eeh n44h da ndi t'ladoo t'0 b7ni' 1k0 t4h7 go baa nijilnish. K00h nihi Naat'1anii nihi ch'8' saad ni da yiin77[k0t'10 sh2' daan7i go sh99h nihik4yah n7dool z0[ha'n7i go.

My father although he was not educated went to work. There are times when you feel like you're just defeated and there are things that are not done the way you want it done. These are -- you should take care of these things that are in our way. Now we've got uranium. When it first came how come we didn't get any paper? And they all moved away without letting us know. Why did they leave in such a hurry? So from my point of view that is a real concern for me. How come? Where is those papers that show us why they left and how -- and what their names were?

Shizh4'4 doo' 7[ta' da ndi nash nish. {ahda t'0 t'11 dool4'4 hade'4 t'88h d00 doo' 1dool n7ljin7 Ako d77---bich'33h da h0l=- n7g77 nahj8' k0 daalyaa go ch'8ho n7t'i' go'1dooln77[. zin7gi' 1t'10'gi' dah 1[88h. k'ad kwii [eetsoh bideezla nihi dei' 1dzaah. T'0 1[ts4edi y66h d33' sh2' heit'4ego naaltsos [a' nihi[77shj11n 1daalyaa da. D00 b1 nida'azhnish y66' t'0 n7 dii'n1, t'1adoo nihi[hane'4. T'0 tsx77[go nah g00 ko daa dzah. D77 sh7' y4ego shi' di[1a go n4sh9. Ha'1t'77sh biniy4? Naaltsos sh2' h11di h1'1t'77h b22h t'0 nizh dii'n1 kod00, ha'at'77sh da jooly4 d77 h1'nida'azhnish7g77.

They should redo -- do things to correct things for us. They should make it -- some changes for us so that our lives are much better, somebody that can speak to us in a good way and our children and my grandkids and my relatives and my leaders, people from all distance you're coming from. It is hard. It is difficult.

Kodi nih1 hash t'4eda hozh doo dl77[go---haszh0'0 k4yah n7 dazh doo sh0[. Hazh0'0---[ah go' 1t'44go ako nihe' iina' t'11'y1'1t'44h doo y66h. Saad y1'1t'4hii bee, niha'a[ch7n7 t'11 nih00lt2' go nihi ts00k4 /nihi n117 k4 d00 nihi k'47 da d00nihi naat'1anii d0' 7nda B7la'asdla'ii a[tsoh bi[k44hwiit'98 nii da a[heeh da n7zah d66'. Nih1 na nit[ah. Y4ego nani t[ah go '1t'4.

We don't do things like that. When we do stuff -- when we're going to go for yucca to wash our hair, we know how to do that. And we know how to weave and to make rugs. That's all we dig for. We don't go -- to go dig down into the ground and we don't do those things. That's why it's difficult for us to understand these things from here.

Doo' 1'iil7n7gi 1t'4ego ada'ji[98 da l47' doo b4honiilzin da, nih7 koj7 t'11dool4'4 77ln44h go ---tsa'az9' hei t'88h go bee nihi tssi'tladigis go doo k0hon7[t44go bik1' na'iigeed da. D00 bt'11dool4'4 bee' adoo t['0[go hazh0'0 go heit'77h. ![ts'7s7 go hei go'. Doo' n7zaad g00 bik1' iigo' da, doo 1kwii t'98 da. Kod00 niil98 go doo bik'I dii tiih da kot'100 '1aj7 nizaad00 na'oh geed gi.

I feel like I could talk for another -- and so my throat -- and for me to talk from a distance so it does affect me. So that's all I want to say. Thank you, my children. Thank you.)

Nizaad g00 niylzh doo[t'44h ndi—shidlyi'—d00 niz11d 66 n7y1 go kwe'4 hasdz77', y4ego sh1 ni[dzi[d00 nashi[n1. T'11' k0n7[tsoh go haasz77' doo, ah3hee' sha'1[ch7n7. Ah4hee')

MS. HOOD: Thank you. Grace. (Translation of Native language spoken: Your comments will close at 5PM according to our agenda keeper, so make your talk shorter.)

MS. HOOD: Ah4hee'. Grace. (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. Hada hodzih7g77 asdla'di j8' a[ch'8' k0dooln77[go bik11' naaltsos bik'eh go hoogh1l[7g77, 1ko t'11'a[ts'77s7 go hada hodziih.)

MR. HOOD: (Translation of Native language spoken: Greetings my people/relatives.) I'd like to say hello, my relatives and all my young fellows and young women and all of you that have come. Tony is my name.

MR. HOOD: (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. Y1't'44h shi Din4'4 d00 shik'47). Y1't'44h nihi dishn7id doo shik'477 d00 nohts4[8 d00 ch'ih k47 d00 7nda kwe'4 nihiso kai h7g77.

Singer of songs, before the Bureau of Indian Affairs threatened my parents with jail time for me to go to school. So English is my second language so bear with me. Sometimes I get tongue twisted.

Hat1[7g77, BIA shim1 d00 shi 1w1alyah bee' b7'di ts'7h d33' doo')lta' j8' 77sh 1ago b22h. D77 biniinaa Bilaglanaa bizaad doo hazh0'0 bee y1shti' da [ah da shizaad t'0' a[k'ih ni dei[gis n1dleeh. \$77 sh1 baa'1ko nohsin.

I am a Vietnam-era veteran. I have two older brothers that went to Vietnam. They are still in the battle from Agent Orange. There is a list of our veterans right there. Take time to look at it. (Translation of Native language spoken: Thank you for being here.) Today, I was scheduled to go in for surgery.

Sh7' 477 Vietnamdi da'7h7 joogh33'd33' nis4baa' 1adi. Shilah naaki go d0' Vietnam g00 naazh 11zh, T'agdii B11dahadzidii Agent Orange woly4ego yi[ahi gh3.Bee b22h da hoo'a'. K00h sil10[its077'7 bizhi' da bik11' da d7 no[88[. (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane. Ah4hee' k00h nihiso kai) D77j9 na'algizh biniy4 azee'22h 1198 di yah iish1ah n7t'44'.

They found some polyps in my kidney and a crystalized object in my kidney. It might be uranium or gold. So it's a good thing they postponed my appointment and I have another day to fight.

Shi chx2'1shk'1zh7 b22h ha'n7sh32 11 ha'nooh d00 bii' di ha'1t'77sh99h ts4k-' nahalingoo sill. {eetsoh daats'7 bideezla' 1t'4 d00da 47)olaa. Shi[y1't'44h sh1 n11s dest'1n7g77 [a'aj9 bi[naa'ahish gh3.

I work in the uranium (inaudible) for 11 years and I work on

the surface and down in the mine. I was involved in a rock fall. Some rocks came down and pinned me in a squatting position like this.

{a'ts'ladah shi n1lhai {eetsoh h1lg44d bii' nashnish go Ni' bik1l'gi d00 ni't['ladi nishis nish ([a'go doo diits'a' da). {ah da ts4 shik'ii[daaz, d7igi' 1t'10 dashishj7i go ts4 shik'ii[d1lz.

I don't know how long, but when I came to I had a 2x3x2 boulder sitting on my back and my coworker was a fresh recruit and I told him to take a lag, and it's a 3x12x6-foot piece of lumber, I told him to put that lumber under the rock and try to pry it up, but was to no avail.

Shi[4n1hoosdzin go t'1h n7t'44' ts4 ndtsxaah l47' ah77gh33 d66' bik'ih das8'3 d00 bi[ni dash nish7g77 1aj7 tsineeshj77' sit1n7g77 d77 ts4' bit1t'ah 00h ts44h go nahj8' 1b0h77[dishn00h t'ladoo' 1dz1a da.

So he went to the lunchroom and brought back some people. Four guys had to push that rock over and they dug me out. So it's true, what doesn't kill you makes you stronger.

!ad00 1kw77 da'ad3 bi[haz3 n7 d66' d98 go Din4 y7kai go h1l da siz99z. Ak0 d77 t'ladoo shish h8i da go t'0 bee shidziil 1shii laa.

When I was small in the late early '50s, some geologists came around and back then, way back, our elders used to bury people in rock crevices and fill it with rocks and sticks, apparently that archeologist, geologist, found that body and he dug it out and he brought it back and it really made my grandma mad.

T'ah nes ts4[h66h d33' asdla'diin t'0 h1lhai d33', ts4 nidei[kaah7g77 [a' yi kai, 77d33' B7la'asdla'ii 1din go t'0 ts4 k'iz g0ne'4 adajjin7[n7't44' ts4 d00 tsin bi[ni da jii n7i[go. !ko sh99h 1dts'ool yinidaalnish7 d00 ts4 nidei[kah7 sh99h [a' Din4 y00' 1lyaa go h1l des t'98 1l d00 n7dest'9 7nda shima

s1n7 yik'eh bi[hazh chiih.

She said get that son of a bitch out of here. But that's mild compared to what she said in Navajo. So we have been exposed to that desecration of burials, desecration of archeological sites, desecration of our shrines. I have witnessed it.

\$7 nahg00 k0n1[d144h sh99 d77 niid! Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 go' y4ego yik'eeh b1h00ch88d. !ko h00t'88d7g77 bee' siikai [h0chx0'lj8], t'11'a[tsoh anaaz17j7, doo nihe'4' ool88[y7chxo'gi. \$77 bee baa'ako niiz99'.

I used to herd sheep here. My parents, they live right here near the mine. My dad had COPD and my mom had a piece of her ascending colon removed. There were some polyps.

K00h na';nish kaad n7t'44. Shinm1 d00 shizhe'4 t'11 k00h ha'ag4d7 biighah g00 k44hat'7i n7t'44' Shi zh4'4 biyol b44 b22h da haz1an7t'44' d00 shim1' 47 bich'ii diil nosh n1aj7 go dei go n7ti'7g77 [ah b1 haa gizh. Bi chx77h diil bits'a' ni n7s65 go biniinaa.

So it's true, (Translation of Native language spoken: it's dangerous,), it's dangerous. (Translation of Native language spoken: It's a very aggressive serious and chronic ailment), very dangerous. So thank you for coming out here, the Commissioners, and everybody.

T'11'an77, (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. b1h1dzid) B1h1dzid. (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. D77 bee 22h dahaz32 go tsx7[go nooh ts44[d00 y4ego bik'eh ka ni jigh1a[[eh) Y4ego b1h1dzid. !ko' 1h4hee' kwe'4 nihaanoy1h7g77, Commissioner noh[7n7g77 d00 t'11'lmo[tsoh.

We need to get rid of this, not prolong it. I live up here and my children used to walk to the bus stop and that's a contaminated area over here now.

{eetsoh tsx77[go nahg00 k0yaago t'47 t'ladoo baa na'lhodiil
ziid7. K00h shighan sha'1[ch7n7 k00h n7d7kaah go 0lta' g00 chid7 yiih n1hjaah d77
[eetsoh bideezla' bi[atxiin g00.

(Translation of Native language spoken: It's true it's a health hazard and it's here within our community.) I would like to thank my mom, Shima. (Translation of Native language spoken: You gave a very illuminating well prepared comment here; very thankful for it.) and then all the other people that spoke before me. So I just wanted to take this time out to say a few words. Thank you.

(Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. D77 t'11'an77d ats'77s y33h dahas3 k00h k44hwiit'7n7g00 naazhjaa' 7g77) Shim1 ah4hee' shim1,(Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' ahne'. Ts;7d1 nizh0n7 go saad hasht'eel yaa go nik'izh doo t'7[gi'1t'10 nihi ch'8' h47n7dz77' kwe'4 Doola do' shi[y1'1t'44h da) d00' 1ad66' shil32j8' haadzi'7g77 d0'---k0n7[ts0h7go haasdz77' doo. Ah4hee'.

MS. HOOD: Go ahead. Thompson.

MS. HOOD: Wohj8'....Thompson.

MR. BELL: (Translation of Native language spoken: Greetings). Thank you for putting me on the list. My name is Thompson Bell. That's my brother, Peterson, and my wife there, Rose. She deals with a lot of stuff that I deal with.

MR. BELL: (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane'. Y1'1t'44h...)
...Ah4hee' kwe'4 shizhi' bik11' 0[aah7g77...Thompson Bell yinishy4...Nighei shi[ah 1t'4 Peterson, d00 she;4sdz11n Rose kwe'4. H0d0' t'11 bee sh22h dahaz1n7g77 b44 h22h dahaz1 go bik'eh kanei t'aash.

One of the things that a lot of my family don't talk about is the health issues, because mine is different. I don't know if it's the same as

theirs, but mine is a skin issue.

Sh7 shighan bi[haz1a d00 doo nihi ts'7s nihitadi bee b22h dahaz1n7g77 doo ts'7d1 baa y47ti' da,Sh7 h7g77 [ah go'1t'4. {a' daats'7 k0n0t'4' a[d0', shik1g7 bik11' g00 bee sh22h da haz1.

Even IHS or RMCH, they don't recognize my issues. Why it's always lung disease? But I was going to make it a word picture, but there is a museum in Grants about what a uranium mine looks like.

Azee' 22h 119 RMCH d00 IHS bee sh22h da haz1n7g77 doo bi[b44 da. Ha'1t'77sh biniinaa t'11'1ko aj47 yiz0lii ha'n7i [eh? K0d00 nih1 ni desh ch22h nisin n7t'44', ndi n7l477 Grants di da'n4l9 bi[haz3 ladi d77 [eetsoh k0t'4 n7i go yaahalne'.

One time I took my family over there and, here, I told them this is too clean. But I have been in the mine for five years. I worked with my brother there and Tony would be working up there in the slopes and I will be down here fixing things, because I was a mechanic, but my brother he stood right there where the wind was.

{ah da' da'nel98 g00 sha'1[ch7n7 nish sh4' eezh, d77 yee' doo b22h chin da dishn7...Sh7' 47 asdla' shin11 hai [eetsoh haa g44d g00 yaa nash nish go. Shilah bi[nish sh shish nish d00 Tony d0' 477 koj7 slopes j7 ni jilnish [eh sh4' 477 t'11dole'4 hash t'44h nash 99h go –Mechanic nish l98 go b22h, shilah 477 ts'7d1 n7yol7gi dah ni ji gh1a[[eh.

The wind was constantly like this where they called it a station where the shaft comes down and they'll be the, the cage, which is the elevator, and you'd be standing right there taking all the supplies in and I'll take the stuff back in the back to the mechanic shop, but he stood there and that's what I think his health issues are.

Ts;7d1' t'11 n7yol7 [eh, 1kwe'4 station bidi'n00h, 1kwe'4 bigha' lda'iilch'33l 1t'4, akw77 da s8'3—cage; deigo d00 yaago n7d7l wo'—elevator, ts'7d1 1kw77 jizh98 go t'11dol4'e dad1l ha'ni[. 1ad00' hasht'4eh daal88h bine'j7 go, 11d00 jiz99h [eh ne' 477 daats'7d1 bee h22hda hazl nisin.

You know, my sister couldn't talk much because the allergies is getting to her right now. Her name is Jackie, way in the back in the brown. That's my sister.

D00 shilah d0' t'1a doo haadz77' da y4ego ha allergi4s h47 n7t'8 k'ad, Jackie woly4 n7l477 d66' h0niid d66' sidl 47 shilah 1t'4.

She can't really talk right now because her asthma is kicking in. A lot of the things that happened to her could be the results of what this uranium has done to our bodies.

Haz doo dzih7gi doo y1'1 sh00d da hayol doo bl y1'1t'44h. D77sh99' a[d0' d77 [eetsoh bideezla' 1h1[9 bee nihi tah di y22h dah nahas3.

Right now, she adopted six children, six. Many times we'd never think about other children because we are busy doing our life, working, but she had an opportunity to affect six lives, but my, myself, my wife and I, we adopted four boys, and then my daughter and the other daughter, she adopted one, Teri, and then my other daughter adopted two.

1ko h1st33' 1[ch7n7 ji nees3, h1st33h [a' nisii z9 doo kot'10 a[ch7n7 d7 n7i zee[da, j0 neilnish, d00 nihe'iinl yiiltih niidzin, 1kondi b7' 47 h1t33h 1[ch7n7 yines3. Sh7 d00 she'esdzl1n '477 d99 ashiik4 nel z3 shitsi' Teri d0' [a'yines3 d00 [a' n11 shitsi' 477 naaki' 1]ch7n7 yines 3.

So why can't we take an opportunity to allocate some money to help get all of these stupid uranium mines cleaned up?

!ko sh2' heit'4ego nihi' 47 doo b4eso bl ch'7 dinooh aah da d77

[eetsoh bideezla' naazhjaa'7g77 nahg00' bee k0 dool n77[gi.

A lot of times you talk to a family that says how did manage to budget for your family? We just did it. That's what they say. They don't say we have this much money for him and her.

{ah da' t'11 h47 da nab7zh d7[ki' haash2 yidt4ego na'a[ch7n7 b4eso b1 nanidzoh ni[haz1 bi ji niih go 't'0' 7ioyaa dani[[eh. Doo' 47 ba'1[ch7n7 b4eso bitas dzoh g00 yaahalne' dah [eh.

No, families are made right there and the money comes when you make it, and you make it happen. So if the NRC is the one that is making EPA not help us, then it's time that we opened that door.

Nidaga', 1[ch7n7 haleeh t'11' 1k00h, d00 b4eso b1'aj7[7n7g77 bee biyaa hojo[aah. Da' NRC 7sh EPA doo hazh0'0 yi[dil n77sh da j0' 1ko' 477 ka'ad B1'22' 1zh dool77[go bi[ji doolnish.

We, as a family, know that generally will not hold because me, my brother, know how this water can come down. See, the three mesas. When they get rain the perky here fills up and it tears up everything down the road.

Sh7 d00 shilah d00 sha' 1[ch7n7 nihi[b44 h0zin d77 k00h t0 ni dadi[ha[7g77, doo t'33' k0j0 144h 1t'44 g00 bi dzxiil go jo[ha[[eeh. Ha'1t'77sh99h bid11h sil47 1yii j11h. D77 nihi[b44h0zin. N71477 Dzil da na'azk1n7g77 t11' go sinil, 11d66' bikooh—Perky, nah[tx99h go, 11d66' t0 ch'4h goh d00 k0yaa t'11 dool4'4 yoozi[go' 77goh. .

It buried a 16-foot pipe that the mine put in for a bridge. At first the pipe builders only burial place and then the whole weight of it just shoved it right into the ground and here is only four feet sticking out. That's how powerful the water is.

Kwe'4 [ah da hast33 ts' ladah k4 sil1' Ini] neez go b44sh naa nii na n7' 1h biniy4 ts4' naa nii t3. T'0 bik'ih oo g44d d00 nida has tx33 go t0 ch'7[haal d00 b44sh t'11 b7 bee ni ndaaz 7g77 yeeh n47s baal d00 [eeyi' g00 yaa' 77go' d00 t'11 d99' k4 sil1h1 go h11'1 k'ad. Ak0t'10 t0' bi dzxiil.

On top of that, if you see this little trailer out here, that's considered a 1,250 pound trailer. Why are we putting an elephant on there and trying to drive it around when we do the same thing with that tailing and put on that mineral site that's already covered and now we're going to uncover it so we can put some more stuff on it.

T'11 bil11h di, d77 ak44' naadziz7 nahdi siz9 n7g77 47 naaki ts'ladah d00 bi'aan asdla diin 1n7[d11s go' 1t'4, Ha'1t'77sh biniy4 47 bik11'gi [a' ay00 n1 1n7 daaz go bik'ih dan1 1 doo jiihgo noo' 1dooln77]. J0 d77 nigh47j7' [eetsoh daa k'1a n7t'4'7gi d0' 1k0t'4 [a' noo' 47' 22' 1dool n7[go [a' bik11' di ni n1 1 doo jiih don7.

We know what's gotten underneath there. We know what that line is going happen, what's going to happen to it. We don't have to be educated. We know what weight does.

Nihi[b44 h0zin d77 1kwe'4 noo'7g77 biyaadi' 1hoot'4h7g77. D00' bi[1ho doon7[7g77 d0' b44 h0z7n7 yee', doo' 1j7i[ta' da ndi d77 ho[b44 h0zin [eh. J0 y4ego ndaaz, ndaaz7g77 bee n4198 go.

If you guys look at things like the Hoover Dam, the Grand Canyon Dam, those weights of the water causes earthquakes. People don't realize that. That's probably what will happen to that thing, too.

D77 da n0[9 Hoover Dam Grand Canyon Dam doaly4h7g77 Na'n7'1 1daal yaa go' t0' 1n7[d1sgo dah7d4 y98 go bee k4ayh n1 1 h1'naa. D77 doo' baa'1ko dazn7 dzin da. D77' 1k0 doo n77[kwe'4 '1k0t'10' 1dool n77[do n7n7g77.

We do not know what the weight of things do. We're not under there. So when we take time to try to tell people something, like grandma here was talking, why do we get taken to the Fort Sumner.

D77 t'11 doole'4 '1da n7[d1 s7 g77 [ahj8' 77 dool77 [ii doo b11' 1k0 nii dzin da. Doo' 1adi sii tx98 d' a[d0'. T'11 doo le'4 koj8' baa hwiil ne' go, d77 k0t'4 dii' n7i go k00h nhim1 s1n7 d77 biniinaa H44ldi g00 niz1z7 ni das kai n7 n7 gi' 1t'10.

It was the government that did it to us. Why are we waiting for the government to help us again? Please help us by the sense of (audio interference). Why, is it the color of our skin? Are they just something that we can throw away?

J0 W11shindoon 1nihi[9. 1ko t'0 W11shindoon n11 biba' 1niit'4 ha'1t'77sh biniy4? T'11 shood7 k0t'10 (doo hazh0'0 diits'a' da), Haash yidt'4ego biniinaa, da' nihik1g77sh biniinaa? T'00sh tsxiil z47 naha lin go t'0 nah g00' 1[hel t['iid h7g77' 1nii t'4?

No, let them all die off and maybe we can be quiet then. Is that where this kind of situation is going to lead to? I remember Mr. Ben Shelly standing, sitting at an office down in Gallup, he said get this tailing out of Navajo Nation.

Dooda, b7ni' a[tsoxoh da nin4, 1ko sh99h doo' 77ts'a'1 doo, sh99h nohsin. Da' [eetsoh bideezla' baay1 deilti'7g77sh 1k00 deezti' 7g77 1t'4? Ben Shelly binaj8' hashne' d77 b4 n1sh niih, Na'n7zhoozh7 di naa nish b1 haz30 di sid1, d77 [eetsoh bideezla' Din4 Bi k4yah d00 n7woshj8' k0[44h d77 niid ne'.

Oh, okay, we'll move it right across. And that's what happened. That's what they are wanting to do now. I know Tony Tom lives down the road there and all that dust is going to hit him again.

H1g00sh99h, t'0 ts4naaj8' k0 dooln7[. !k0 da jiilaah. T'11' lko
n11 da diil n77[n11 hwii ni dzin d77 k'ad.Shi[b44 h0zin Tony Tom ts'7d1 lkwii
bighan d77 [eetsoh bideezla' bi [eezh nik'ih j8' go n1 ln7 tsaa doo n1 ln1.

This is not far enough for us. I'm sorry to say it's not only
one pile; there is a second pile. What are you going to do with the second
pile? We haven't talked to you about that.

!k00[aah go' 47 t'adii yee' t'11 nihi nii' gi shijaa'. Doo' t'11[1'7
da [a' n11 h0l=. \$7ish 477 haa n11 do[dl77[? {a' n11 n1sh jaa'7g77 t'ah doo baa y1
deil ti' da.

This is the first pile. Nobody is looking at things in the
sense of future. They are waiting for us, like I said, to slowly die off.

D77' al32j8' [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed7g77' 1t'4. Hash
yidt'4ego doo t'11 doo le'4 nee nij8' no[98 da. T'0 nihi ba', b7ni' a[tsoh ni n4 sh99h
da nih0' n7. Dishn7.

In 2012 my mom died, lung complications. Guess what?
She said this thing will never be resolved and she died. I can still smell her
tortillas cooking in their kitchen. That was my mom.

Naadiin d00 bi'aan naaki ts'ladah yihah d33' shiml' 1din, bi j47
yil z0lii neez t[ah go. '&7d33' 1j7n7, D77 ts'7d1 doo [a' doo n77[da ji d77 niid
lad00' 1jidin. T'ah dii n1 nes kaad7 ho ch'ih y1ln al7n7 gone'4 n1sh ch77h. D77
shiml n7't'44'.

So I am just telling you people what are we waiting for? We
are waiting for them, because I hear EPA saying what is NRC going to say
first. That's what I hear. I don't see them saying, oh, we're EPA, we can do
this. No. Let's see what NRC says first.

Ha'1t'77sh biniy4 t'0 bi ba' Inii't'4? T'0 a[tsohj8' bi ba', j0' EPA

In7 '77shj1In NRC ha'at'77h n7i doo. K0t'10 diis ts'a'. Doo' 47 nihi EPA niid19, k0t'10' 1 da diil n77[daan7i da. Nidah. NRC ha'1t'77h n7i doo daan7.

That's where a lot of things are being held up but they, we're regulated by certain things. Mr. Joe Biden can make a lot of money to do with a lot of things, why don't we start making that money so we can have a bigger inflation so we can help our mines get cleaned up.

!kwe'4 dah yis t[='h d00 bee Nahazlanii yeeh ni deil0' a[d0'. Kin1h1gai di Joe Biden b4eso sh99h l3'7 go 1desh [77[jin7zin, !ad00 t'11 doo le'4 da'7198 go b4eso [3'7 1dool7[ako k00h [eetsoh hadasgeed g00 k4yah ni da dool zh00[.

Maybe it's a political stunt that they are here. I don't know. But I'm just saying what my heart says, okay. This is me. You can say things about me, but I am just saying that these are in my mind what I'm thinking.

T'0 daa ts'7 ko di ni haa haho di doo dlaa[nosin go kwe'4 noh kai. t'0 bee' 1 daz doo t'98 go. Doo b44 h0zin da. T'0 shi j47 bii'di yaa halne'7g77' 11 dish n7. T'11sh7. J0' 1kw77 nisin 7g77 bee y1sh ti'.

So, please, like my daughter, Teri, here, she gave you a mine tour. I really appreciate you young people, educating themselves so we can talk to these people. I thank you for that.

!ko t'11shood7, k00h shitsi' ha da'as geed g00 nani hizh eezh. !niid na[deeh7g77 t'11'yis77 nihaa'1h4 nisin, &h da ho[aah go, binaj8' k00h Din4 nihaa y7 kai h7g77 bi[a[hi[nida hwiil ne'. Ah4hee' nihi dish n7.

Back then when I was growing up, we didn't know what these words were. We didn't know what the -- see, even when we tried to tell them we got exposed, the land is exposed, oh, that's no problem, that's

okay, and here the right word we are supposed to use was contaminated.

Nah d66', nih7 t'ah niil z4[d33' d77 saad 7g77 ndi doo nihi[b44 da h0zin da n7t'44'. D77 saad a[tah 1t'4--- j0' akoh, ch'44h baa hwiilne' d77 bideedz1h7g7, k4yah b7 dee ch'8h b22h sil99 go—exposed yi[n7. Doo sh99h 1t'4h4 da t'0 hwii ni dzin. K'ad sh2' y4ego y7 chx-' go, biih da deez ch'aal go, bi da dii chxaal go da', biih daazh ch'aal—contaminated sh99h lei' saad doo nihi[b44 h0zin da..

Even that they were on a scale to a one to ten you guys are only a one because you're just exposed. We didn't know we were up there, eight, and nine, ten.

T'0 b44 so y1—exposed, w0lta' go 47 w0yah di naal kid, d00 w0dah di naal kid da nihi' di' n7 lko, ndi y4ego w0 dah di naal kid go doo saad b1 b44 ho niil zin7g77 b33h doo'1t'4 h7 da naha lin.

See, even that. We don't use the right words then we are just a by-something, you know, just get out of the way, you don't matter. So that's all I have to say, because, why. What else can we say?

Akwii n0[9. Saad doo b1 b44 h0zin g00 t'0 nahj8' doo 1t'4h7 da hwiini dzin, t'11'1k0 n7[tsoh go haasdzih, ha'1t'77sh d0' n11 dii' n7id doo.

Maybe you could have came three years ago, four years ago, ten years ago, but why now, you know. So help us. Thank you.

N71477 t11' d99', neezn1 da n11 hai d33 da kwe'4 doo h11[n7't'44', k'ad 7nda ha'1t'77sh b33h a[t'33h? Nih7 ka' adoo[wo[. Ah4hee'.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: Ladies and gentlemen, (Translation of Native language spoken: my relatives), just so you know that we are going to be wrapping up here at 5:00, so (Translation of Native language spoken: it's getting to five almost).

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: Shoooh, (Din4 bizaad k'ehj7 ata' hane. Shi k'47,) t'0 nihi[b44 h0zin doo asdla]' di' ool ki[go kwe'4 a[ah nii dl7n7g77 a[ch'8' 1ln44h doo. (Din4 bi zaad k'eh j7 ata' ne'. K'ad66h aaj8' iilkeed)

So we have a few more speakers and then the speakers, you can kick me later, but two minutes and on topic would be appreciated. Thank you.

T'11 d7kw77sh99h t'ah doo haadzih da, t'ah sh99h shi dooh ta[d77 naaki dah alzhin 1n7[tsoh go ha'iidziih doo k0 d00. Baa' 1h4 niidzin d00 ah4hee'.

MS. HENIO: Hi. Good afternoon, Commissioners and Navajo Nation. My name is Grace Henio. I live here for the lifetime that I have been here put on this earth.

MS.HENIO: Y11 t'44h, y1'1t'44h a[n7'n7'3 Commissioners d00 shi Din4'4. Shi' 47 Grace Henio yinishy4. T'11 ko d00 naash1 kwii shi yaa hazl99'.

Commissioners, all I want to say is, please, listen to us. Listen to my family. We have so many health issues on this because of the uranium pile that we live in.

Commissioners, t'11'lyis77 da ni h77s7 no[ts'33' t'11 shoo d7, shi'47 d00 sha'1[ch7n7 da k00h. ts'7d1 t'00' aha y077 ni hi ts'77s bee b22h da nahaz3 go' 1t'4 kwe'4 k44hwiit'7n7g77 [eetsoh bi deezla' bii da nihi ghan go.

Do we want to leave? No, we don't want to leave this beautiful land that we came to. We were born and raised here and we love this land and we are not about to leave.

Da' kod00' 7sh nah j8' ha da hii dii' n4[? Dooda, doo n1h g00 ha da hi dii' n44[da d77 kwe'4 k4yah ts'7d1' ay00' 1 nool nin go bik11' danihi ghan go doo' 77 nii dzin da.

Some of our families have left already, but we want to stay here and we are asking for help. We want you guys to clean up this toxic waste and get it off our land, please.

{a' t'11' 77d33' nah g00 ada haazn1, ndi nih7' 477 t'11 k00h niidzin, lko nih7 k1' oh jeeh. D77 [eetsoh be deezla' nah g00 nihi k4yah bik11' d00 nah g00' ko[44h, t'11shood7.

I have grandkids who have asthma. I've got brothers and sisters who have health issues. I've got my mom who died of cancer. This is not a laughing matter. Clean our air. Clean our plants. Clean everything around here. That's all I ask.

Shi ts00k4 / shi n117 k4 biyol bee bi ch'8' ni da hwii'n1. Bi[h47 j44' d0 bits'77s a[tah 1t'4e go b22h da na haz3. Shim1 [00d doo n1d zihii biis h9h. Doo t'0 baa'oodloh 1t'4e da. N7[ch'7 ni dool zhoo[. Nihi n ani se' ni da dool zhoo[. T'11'a[tsoh ni da dool zhoo[k00h. T'11' 47 dei y7 n7sh keed.

The other thing I also would like to say is, you know, toxic waste does not belong here on the Indian Reservation. It's toxic to our health, air, animals, plants, and our water.

[ah go' d0' baa ha n1n1sh dziih, d77 [eetsoh bi deezla' doo Bik1g7 Yisht['izhii bik4yah bik11' g00 naazh jaa' da die y7n7 zin da. [eetsoh bi deezla' nih7 ts'77s y22h dahas3, nihi n7[ch'7 da, nihi l99' da' nihi nanise' da d00 nihi t0' d0' t'11'1t'4 y22h da has3.

So listen, please, remove it. From God's ears to my heart I am begging you, please, remove it. Just like my brother said, Thomas, Mother Earth will find a way to destroy what you guys want to put in our backyard.

Ak0 da'77s7no[ts'33' t'11 shood7 nah g00 k0[44h. Diyin bi jaa'

d00 n7l47 sjhi j47 j8', baa n1 ni hosh k33h nah g00 k0 [44h. Shi lah Thomas, 1n7 nihi
 m1 Ni'asd1 1n t'11 b7' haash99h yid t'4ego d77 [eetsoh nideezla' nihi n77' gi noo'
 0[44h 7g77 yid of
 chx-].

You are talking about a contamination repeat again. The floods here are very drastic. They are going to demolish what you guys are going to put in our backyard.

Naaki di bee n11 ho doo chx-[go biniy4 baa y1[ti'. T0 ch'44h da dzi[ha[go' 1y00 bidziil. Kot'10 t0' ch'44h da dzi[ha[go t'0 ni hi n77' j8' ch'7 n11 nei doo zi[.

You guys are going to have a repeat, not only that, we've got, the first time when this mine, I mean the waste broke, what has happened, it went down the ditch all the way down to Puerco.

!k0 n11 doo' n7[, j0 t'11'77d33' lko dzaa, na'n7'1 [eetsoh bi deezla' bitah go t0 bi[desh chxosh d33'. N7l47 g0 yaa' Puerco bikooh g00yaa' 77na'.

I have friends and family that live in Arizona whose family have passed away because of cancer. We have got people that actually go into the ditches taking a tractor, loading up dirt, and placing it into people's backyards, playgrounds, baseball fields.

Shi k'is d00 shi k'47 nah di Arizona di da bi ghan, [a' [00d doo nadzihii yid ts'32 d00' an1 has kai. N7l477 da bi kooh g00 da naa' na' yeeh [eezh ha da yii kaah go Din4 da bighan g00 yeeh hash t'4 da hale', 1[ch7n7 bi daa ne' bi[nahz1a g00 ya da yii yeeh go hasht'e da hale', jo[bee ni da'a' n4e g00 da.

We're not going to be the only one that's, you know, contaminate. Gallup is probably contaminated. The sports field, everywhere. Just like now, everything is blowing. Look at our shirts.

Doo t'11 nih7 t'47 da, nihi da he deez chxaal da. Na'n7 zhoozh7 sh99 bi din7 chaal a[d0. Ni n1 da'a' neeh g00 d00 t'11'a[tsoh g00. D77 gi'1t'10 ni[ni daa yoil go, nihi' 44' no[9.

Look at everything. We are all dusty. So, please, have a heart. Thank you very much for listening to me.

K00h ni dao hal. {eezh bee ni s77 d1. Ako t'11 shoo d7, nihi j47 sh99h h0l=. Ah4hee' sh77 sh7n0[ts'33'.

MS. HOOD: Mr. Martin?

MS. HOOD: Mr. Martin?

MR. MARTIN: If I may, Madam. (Translation of Native language spoken: This one?). Okay. (Translation of Native language spoken: Greetings gentlemen, greetings. Hello, all of you men and women. I am from Pinedale.)

MR. MARTIN: kod00 sh99h. (Din4 bizaad k'eh j7 ata' hane'. Da'd77?) H1g00sh99h. (Din4 bizaad k'eh j7 ata' hane'. Y1'1t'44h sha hast077 y1'1t'44h, Y1'1t'44h kooh hono [0n7g77, shi' 477 T0 b44 hwis ghan7 d66' naashl.)

Larry, we stand with you brother. That's all it is.

Larry, ni[nisiiz9 shilah, t'11'1k0t'4.

Now we have been involved with this since 1979, July 16th, when it broke. The first meeting we were told, we were promised, hey, brother, don't worry about it, we're going to get you done in five years.

D77 baa ni di nii kai, n7l477 N1h1t'47 t'ladah d00 bi'aan tsosts'idiin d00 bi'aan n1h1t'477 yi hah d33 baa t88h yiil dee' na'n7'1 desh chxosh d33'.1 ts4edi' 1[ah sii d199' go, asdla n11hai j8' a[tsoh bini' doo nish da nihizh d77

niid.

What the hell happened the next five years? Nothing. What happened? Tonight you are going to say we are going to kick this can ten more years down the road.

Haash h00t'99d asdla' n1 lhai da doo niid ne'? !din. 1din t'ladoo baa nida'azhnish da. D77' a'77' 3n7g77sh 47 d77 neezn1a ni n1 l n1 hai g00 bi[an1 l ho dool zhish n1 l da di dooh n7[.

That's what you are here for, right? Hopefully you are educated enough today with all of the comments that if you pack them take it back, take it back to your office and get to work.

\$77sh biniy4 k00h no[deeh y1' ? K00h hada'77s dz77' l3'7 da, 477 y44[ad doo[77[d00 ni dao[nish di ni doh y44[d00 ni di do[nish ladi.

Environmental Protection Agency. (Translation of Native language spoken: You too,) Superfund. Navajo Nation Superfund. Let's get to work on it. All we hear is people fighting, fighting, fighting and nothing gets done while we lose people here and my relatives from over the hill.

Kin1h1gai K4yah Bik'i' Ad4st'99' nih7 d0' –Environmental Protection Agency. (Din4 bizaad k'eh j7 ata' hane'. Nih7 d0') Superfund. Din4 Bi w1 lshindoon Superfund. Bini daa[nish 11di T'0 da' 7hogh3, t'0 da' aho gh32 t'47 agh1, d00 n1 l n1 da' da' aho gh32 g0 baa naah kai d00 ndi ni da[nish da. Kodi' 47 B7la' asdla'ii nihi d7n7 d44h go haz3 d00 nigh47 shi[haz1n7 j7.

There is more water, underwater contamination issues down in Pinedale. Brother Chris Shuey knows all about it, been serving the chapter officially for 30 plus years and this place is going on 40 plus years.

T0 haz32 gi, nigh47 T0 B44 hwisghan7 j7 ni't[1adi t0 h8g88 t'11'ayis77 b22h da haz32 go t1diin n1 l hai, k'ad d7zdiin biih yih1 lh, Chris Shuey

bi[b44 h0zin bi[nideil nish go t1diin n1 lhai.

Let's get it done, folks. Are we trustworthy? Are we trustworthy? Are we trustworthy? Well, if you are, if you think you are, show us, get this damn thing done.

Tsx77[go' a[tso' 0[44h. Niha'0dl77h yish? Niha'0dl77h yish?
Niha'0dl77h yish? Ak0t'4ego' 47 ts77[go' bi do[n77sh d00' 0[44h.

MS. HOOD: Thank you. Mr. Robinson?

MS. HOOD: Ah4hee' Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you very much. (Translation of Native language spoken: Greetings.) I appreciate the opportunity to talk to you. Don't think we're talking about an engineered dam here.

Ah4hee' ndtsaago. (Din4 bizaad k'eh j7 ata' hane'. Y1'1t'44h)

This is just a pile of sand on a starter dam. No ground penetrating radar. No concrete core. It's just a pile of sand on a pile of sand and that is what GE is proposing as the best method.

D77 kwe'4 na'n7'1 n7't4''7gi [eezh t'47 a[k'ih da shi jaa'. Doo ni' bi yaa' t'11 doole'4 b1' yaa go y0t'2' da. Doo ts4 n11 dl44[7 b1' aageed da, d77 G\$ yaaha niih go b0h0 n44h dz1 yi[n7.

No wonder people have trouble trusting the NRC who says prime option, below grade, not on a flood plain, doesn't pass the test. There is an operating uranium mill and disposal site in Utah on Federal land, Crescent Junction, plenty of room for all of the tailings and the mine waste.

D77 ko da ha'n7n7 g77 daats'7 biniinaa NRC doo ba'0h dl77h da, t0' ak44d siz9, bee' al32j8' nahodil t'4' go, neel 33h do gi ba'1s'dzoh, t0 nidaal22h g00' 47 dooda, doo boh0 n4edz1a das t'0 yee' ak44' siz9. {eetsoh daak'1 [a' bi[haz1 nigh477 Utah di t'11' Kin1h1 gia w11shindoon bikl7yah bik11' gi bi[haz3 Crescent

Junction woly4, 1afdi d77 k00h [eetsoh [eezh bi[da das g44d7g77 b77ghah go b1 haz3.

You don't like that, try Segundo Coal Mine north of the Grants Mineral Belt, also 75-foot deep trench still being built, plenty of cover.

!1j7 doo nidzin g00, 477 Grants j7 n1hook-s j8' go [a' Segundo Coal Mine woly4, tsosts'id iin d00 bi'aan asdla' k4 sill 1n7z11d g00 ahoodz3 b1' oo go[t'1adii 1ln44h, bi k'i ih doo go[7g77 t'00' aha y077.

You can consolidate all of the monitoring costs at one site. These operating costs are going to eat you up. This wind and this sun are energy sources. We can pay for the cleanup by generating energy at the sites where the cleanup is needed.

T'11[1h7j8' a[hiih j8' noo' 1daalyaa gosh99h n1 n4l88h go doo t'00'1h1y077 b4eso 1t'89 da. N7ypl d00 j0hona'47 be' eh dziil bee'oonish go, t'11' 1kwe'4 adziil 1198 go bee n4eso' 1198 go, k4yah n1l zh-h doo.

No sense buying gas. My car is a hybrid plug-in. You can get the trucks to haul this stuff without burning gas.

Chid7 atsin nit['isjh yee nidaajeeh7g77 bee' [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadasgeed y66' 1[hegeeh go, d00 chid7 bitoo' dilidg00. Sh7 [a' d77 chid7 nas b22s.t'0 baa'1n1lt'i ih.

One last thought, the EPA has refused to put a grade separation in for the road that is going to carry the mine waste to the tailings all under their plan. Thirty thousand trucks, 30 tons a piece, that's a million tons and that's before you even find the bottom.

T'11[ah1 go n1l n1, EPA d77 grade separation yi[n7 atxiin bik11' g00 [eetsoh [eezh bi[haadas geed7g77 doo' yin7zin da atxiin g00 b1' a[ts'1 da' astxiin 1l n44h go; j0 t1diin di dim77l yazh7 chid7 tsoh t1diin di ndtsaa go 1n7[d1sh7g77 –

ton, chid7 tsoh bik'eh 1n7[d11s go' 47 t'11[a'7 dim77l tsoh da hi d4 dlo' doo [eetsoh leesz h bi[ha das geed 7g77.

So that's a road that the kids that Tony Hood was talking about take to school every day. Can't put a grade separation in, not innovative technology.

J0' 477 d77 Tony Hood kwe;4 yaa hoolne' atxiin b1'1[ch7n7 yik11' g00)lta' g00' yik11' a[n11 n1 kai n7n7 g77. D00 a[ts'1 da'aztiin da doo n7, bee' 1da'yiis k3 nooh.

Come on, we can try harder. We can set a higher standard. People don't trust the uranium industry because they don't act like good Boy Scouts. They won't put things away better than they were before.

H11147t'4, t'11 y4ego bi na'anish go sh99h boh0 n44'dz3. T'11' w0dah di bee nits0h k ees. B7la'asdl'a'ii doo [eetsoh haa geed j7 b1 ni da'anish7g77 yaa'ayo da hoolih j0 doo ts'7d1 y1'1t'44h go bi naanish a[ts'oh gi y7ts'32 j8' hi di k11h da. Doo k4yah ni deishooh da t'0 yik'ih hini ch44h.

You can help them. Again, thank you very much, appreciate your time.

B7k1'ooh jeeh. D00 n11' 1h4hee', oolki[h7gi baa'ah4 nisin.

MS. HOOD: Thank you. Linda?

MS. HOOD: Ah4hee' Linda?

MS. WILLIAMS: (Translation of Native language spoken: Greeting, I'm Linda Williams.) I just live like down the road along the wash about 11 miles west.

MS. WILLIAMS: (Din4 bizaad k'eh j7' ata' hane'. Y1'1t'44h sh7' 477 Linda Williams yinish y4) Sh7;' 477 d77' 1txiin7g77 d00 bi kooh7g77 b22h g00 [a'ts'1adah tsin si 3 4'4'aah j8' go shighan.

So I just am thankful for giving me this time. The Commissioners, please, I am just here to plead with you guys to help the community, my people. We have been pleading with you for years and it's far too, gone too far pleading with you guys.

Kwe'4 sh1 ho[a'7g77 baa' ah4 nisin. Commissioners, t'11 shood7 kwe'44 shi Din4'4 k44h at'7n7g77 b7 k1'1 doo[wo[. T'11 n7 da'ii nii k22h g0 dikw77 sh99h n11 hai t'11 n7 zaad g00 ni da'iinii k22h.

It seems like it's just the cost is holding up. So there was a guy that said about allocation and stuff like that, I know that is going to be done, that can be done.

B4eso bee'1ho doo n7[ii t'47 t'33' y0 t'a' nahalin. Kwe'4 [a' b4eso naa dzoh gi y11 haa dz77' ak0t'10 sh99' 1lyaa go b0h0 n44 dz3.

So we are, my people are really emotionally, mentally, and physically affected by this and to this day I was just wondering now and every day almost, we are still nervous.

Shi Dine'4 t'11'1yis77 bitahdi ni da bii[n1, bini' d0' dasdi[, 7nda bitah di d0' b22h da nahaz32 g00 yik'eh k1 naa kai d77j98 ji, t'1hdii bik'eh t'0 baa siiti' ko di baa nit77 kes go.

Is it safe to cross the ditch, which we do every day. We live down there. We use the wash every day, especially like now it has blown into our areas. So, you know, you just wonder what do we tell our kids, it's okay to play?

Da' bikooh y77sh nih1 y1'1t'44h nii dzin t'11 d7kw77 j9, chii diil88[y7sh nii dzoooh. Ak0ndi t'11' d7kw77 j9 ak00h hi dii d11h. D77 k'ad n7yol n7l47 nihi ghan di bi[ni daa yol. Ako sh2' niha'1[ch7n7 ha't'77 bi dii' n7id doo t['00 di ni daa n4, daats'i?

Like we used to play in the ditch when we were growing up and I'm telling my kids, my grandkids, to stay out of the ditch. So we're just waiting for the day for you guys to say it's safe, the waste is taken far away from you guys.

Nih7' 477 da bikooh g00 yaa nidei'n4e[[eh ne' a[ch7n7 da nii dl98 d33' kodi' 477 sha' 1[ch7n7, shits00k4 / shin117 t'1a doo bikooh g00' ni daa ne'he bidish n7. Ako t'0 nihi ba' k'ad nihi k4yah ni d111 zhood di doh n7i[gi baa yin7[k32 doo nii dzin. N7zaad g00' k0 do[77[.

So we are pleading with you, we are eager, and going to answer. Please, I beg you, so my people, my community, will be whole again and the land will be beautiful again.

NIni hoshk33h, b7k1' d7niit'99', d00 nih1 ni di doo[44[go' k4yah nih1 ni dool zhoo[. T'11shood7, shi Din4 b1, kwii k44hwiit'7n7g77 nih1, nahd66' ldaat'4h44h gi' 1n1 lnii t'4edoo nihi k4yah nizh0n7 n1sdl88' go.

We should be having a party, birthday party or something, instead of having this issue here. So we -- It's about time we put a stop somehow. Let's work together and find a way, find a solution.

N711adi nihi naanish da h0l=, a[ch7n7 da bi n7 d1 lhai g00 da, ndi koj7 d77 k00' 1hoo t'4h7g77 da baa y1 deil ti'. Kodi hoolzhish go dooda, dazh d0ne' 7gi' 1t'4' a[d0. A[hi[nida diil nish go 1'dooln7[7 g77 bik'7h da' diilki[.

And just like grandma, she has been at it for years and her years are, she is up in her years, she wants an answer, too. So I thank you, Commissioners and Mr. Nez, President Nez, thank you very much.

K00h nihi m1s1n7 d0' kwe'4 yaahalne' ni n1h1 hlah bi dish kaal go kod7 y4ego hastxih go sh7 d0' k4yah ni daal zhoooh yid44s4[n7zin. Ako Ah4hee' Commissioners d00 Mr. Nez, nihi nanit'1'7, ndtsaa go baa' ah4 niidzin.

(Translation of Native language spoken: Every one of you who are present, I thank you. I appreciate you. Stand strong. We stand together and reunite. That's the only way it will happen and so thank you again.)

(Din4 bizaad k'eh j7' ata' hane'. T'11'Ino[tsoh kwe'4 nooy1h7g77, ah4hee' ni hi dish n7. Nihaa' ah4 nisin. Y4ego bee ni tsooz9. T'11' a[ahj8' bee' ni siiz9 go nihi dziil.Kot'10' t'477 '1doo n77[d00 ah4hee' n1In1.)

MS. HOOD: (Translation of Native language spoken: Everyone of you who are present, I thank you very much. Okay. A big thank you. So we saved the best for last, Jonathan.)

MS. HOOD: (Din4 bizaad k'eh j7' ata' hane'. T'11'Ino[tsoh kwe'4 nooy1h7g77, ah4hee' ni hi dish n7. Nihaa' ah4 nisin. H1 g0osh99h. Ndtsoah go Ah4hee'. Nihi naat'1anii Jonathan, 1k4edi n1hwiil a'.)

PRESIDENT NEZ: (Translation of Native language spoken: Greetings to you Edith, and greetings to you, my relatives and people. Yes, thank you, to our relatives and those of you that have gathered here and Edith and you stand here and your relatives, you stand for your relatives.

Din4 Bi Naat'1anii Nez: (Din4 bizaad k'eh j7' ata' hane'. Y1't'44h Edith, d00 1ad66, shik'47 d00 shi Dine'4. Aoo' ah4hee' nihi k'477 d00 kwe'4 nihisookai h7g77 d00 Edith k00h s7n7 z9 d00 aaj7 nihi k'47 bi[ni tsoo z9n7g77.

That's how this was brought together, Mr. Keyanna, and those of you that live here, Red Water Pond Road community. You have shown us all the information and all the proof here today.

J0' 1k0t'10 d77 kwe'4 a[ah azl99', Mr Keyanna d00 kwe'4 k44hot'7n7g77. Red Water Pond Road gi K44hat'7n7g77. Ts'7d1 l3'7 a[tah

1daat'4ego kwe'4' 77shj1 ln nihi ch'8' o[aah d77j9 binaj8' 1do n7n7g77 bee ni[dzil doh7g77 da.

You have shown us what your concerns are by speaking to the federal government. Shown them what the proofs are. So you guys are all working at the grassroots level to let us know what is going on.

Nihi da'di[1hag77 kwe'4 Kin1h1gai d66' W11shindoon bee bi[ho[ne'. Yidt'98nii bi[77shj1 ln o[aah. D77 kodi k44hot'7n7g77' t'11' [ahj8' k00h nihi[1da hot'4h7g77 bee nihi[holne'.

Mr. Perry, thank you for giving us the information and speaking up to represent your people here in the Eastern Agency and the Commissioners for being here.

Mr. Perry, ah4hee' kod00 nihi[na hos7nilne'7g77 d00 kwe'4 ni Dine'4 Ha'a'aah j7 k44hat'7n7g77 b1 d00 bik'ih y1 ni[ti' go ni h47 y7n7 y1 d00 nih7 d0' Commissioners k00h tsood1.

I don't know, and I apologize for being late. Many of us say something about being late, which is just an excuse, however, there is a fire-wild fire blazing near Flagstaff, AZ, which you know about. I was in Flagstaff. There is a big fire going and we are also working on some highway, that there was an accident on the highway as well.

Ak4edi n7y1h7g77 baa sh7 ni' ndi, l3'7 1k4edi yii d1lh go baa hei dzih, t'0 bee bi ne' iil wo' go. !kondi, nigh47 Kin[1n7 na h0s a'j7 nihi[sh99h b44 h0zin, 11j7 ho doo k'3[. 1adi Kin[1n7 di naash1a n7t'44. K-' doo k'3[7g77 baa nideilnish go d00 atxiin y7 dl44z g00 d0' [a' ch7d7' a[h7 da d7 n44z dah go 1kmwii d0' baa ni dashiil nish.

So we're doing a good job. This is your day to speak and

talk about your concern. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is here to listen to you and you spoke to them and thank you for all of this.

YI't'44h go baa naakai. D77j9 ni1 ha'77'3h kwe'4 nihi' dii[1h7g77 kooh Nuclear regulatory Commissioners bee bi[da ho[ne' kwii da nih7sts'32 go, lko' ah4hee' kot'10' lda' o[aah.

We are very thankful and supportive of you. This is the President and he is the Chair and he was appointed recently by Joe Biden, the President of the United States. He was appointed by President Biden. That is why he is here.

Nihaa'ah4 niidzin d00 nihi k44' sii z9. D77 al32 j8' jiz d1 d00 Naat' lanii j719' Iniid Joe Biden, Kin1h1gai di A132 j8' Naat' lanii sid1 h7g77, hak'ih diil nii' go kwe'4 das neez d1, biniinaa kwe'4 j7 kai.

That is why we met here. You have asked for it. You were able to get these people down here and now that you have spoke to them the whole day, you have pleaded with them, and they will meet again tonight and you will also be, there is another meeting this evening where I will represent you again.

D77 biniinaa kwe'4' a[ah nii d19 nih7' lda doh n7i go kot'4. D77 biniinaa kwe'4 nihaa'7l dee' d00 bi[a[hi[ni da holne' go 'i'77' 3h, bich'8' n7da' oh k33h go da, d00 I'77'32 go' l[ah n11n1 dleeh ladi nih1 n11 s4 d1ad doo.

I will also present your concerns. There are so many health problems related to this uranium mine and the pandemic caused the virus and we are also taking some steps to bring those numbers down.

Nihi da'dii[1h7g77 d0' binaj8' nih1 ylshti' doo, t'11' aniih ts'7d1 t'00' ahay077 ats'77s b22h dahaz3 bee' an7da hwii t'44h, d00 Iniid na[nih d0 nihitahj8' 77[nii' 11j7' d0' t'ahdii baa ni deil nish.

Also, the cancer-related issues. There are so many people that passed away. So we talk about those issues and you are still working to abate the problems.

D00 koj7 [00d doo n1dzihii bi[22h da nahaz32 gi da. Ts'7d1 t00'aha y077 nihi Din4'4 nihi ts'33' 1daadin sil99'. D77 da baa y1 diel ti' d00 koj7' 47 nih7 kwe'4 [eetsoh bi deezla' baa y1[ti' hasht'eh doo n77[gi baa ni deil nish.

Work with your leadership. They will know. They will know what your concerns are.)

Nihi n11t'lanii bi[ni daa[nish. B7ni' yaa' 1dahoo nii dziih, ako bee' nihi ch'8' an7dahwiit'4h7g77 d0' 1t'4egi yaa' ako nizin.)

I didn't want to take too much time, I just wanted to express thank you to our Navajo citizens, again, in our own language.

Ool ki[7g77 biniinaa doo n7zaad g00 has dz7i da, t'0 ah4hee' t'47 agh1' an7[tsdoh go bee hach'8' has dz77', t'11 nih7 nihi zaad bee Shi Din4'4 bich'8' saad ni n7' 3.

I think Jonathan Perry mentioned, you know, the Navajo nation, and I probably have some time later on at the Commission meeting, so I won't be too lengthy here, but there is two ways the Navajo people helped keep democracy here in this globe on Mother Earth.

Jonathan Perry, yee haadz77' kwe'4 d77 k4yah s8'32 n7g77 bich'33h 13'7 nihi Din4'4 ni daaz baa' go t'1adi k4yah h0l=. Ako n711ah di sh99h 7'77'32 go Commission 1[ah n11n1 dleeh go saad [a' bee han11 des dzih hazh0'0 ho desh ni, kwe'4 nihi Din4 naaki go b44 h0z7n7 go nihi ch'33h naaz baa' gi.

One is through our language through the Navajo Code Talkers and you saw many of our veterans sitting here today as well. Who honors that sacred document, that sacred agreement, the Treaty of 1868,

where we all agreed, right.

J0 [a' 477 nihi zaad bee' nih7 ch'33h 77 kai, k00h nihi sil10[tsoi7 nihi tah dah nah11z t'32 go ahooh zhish d77j9. T'ahdii y4ego bi[da ni l9 d00 kwe'4 naaltsos sln7 d0' bee' a[gha' da des t'3 Treaty of 1868, yiln7

We said, hey, U.S. if you are ever in trouble the Navajo people got your back, and it's supposed to be reciprocal, right, and that's what you heard today.

Kod00 t'ahdii nihi k44' siiz9 koj7 k4yah asdla' diin a[hii' sinil7g77 ako a[hi di n7[lago '1[kl' an7 j7l wo' go sh99h n7t'44'. D77' lah yi[n7 k00h shi Din4'4 d77 si doo ts'33' d77 j9.

Chairman, Commissioners, there is a lot of, yes, frustration, and maybe there is some harsh words that were here, but it's also about healing. Many of them have been living with this frustration and this anger for many years.

Naat'lanii, Commissioners, aoo' y4ego bitah di doo daa ts'7id da, saad da [a' doo ts'77d g00 bee ha da'77s dz77', j0 ni da dii dzih a[d0 biniy4' kwe'4 saad b1 hoo'a'. l3'7 da t'0' bi[nin1h1h1h go nil47d66' bi[hoolzhish kod7 bik'eh doo daa ts'7id da d00 bik'eh 1h1chx-' bii di daaz l99'.

Today was an opportunity to let it all out and let this dust just sweep it away, and that's all a part of healing. (Translation of Native language spoken: Harmony/Balance restore our kin relationship with everyone, that's our teaching). That's balance and restoration, and so I applaud the community for their resilience.

D77j9, saad b1 hoo'a'7g77 b22h hada'iis dzii' d00 n7l1 g00 bi[ada haaz yol bee neidziih. (Din4 bizaad k'eh j7' ata' hane'. K'4 t'11'a[tsoh bi[k'e' aj0sin go bee' na' ldzih, d77 bee na nitxin n7l1h d66')

You know, we've been in an era in Indian Country called self-determination for, what, Jon, over, almost 50 years? Self-determination. If it's true self-determination, then let's fulfill those promises that were made.

Shoh, d77 koj7 Indian Country gi d77 Seklf Determination yi[n7i go bee' oonish go k'ad 66h asdla' diin n1h1 1h ish Jon? B7la'asdflla'ii [a' bi[haz32 gi t'11 b7 ak'ih hoo'11[go, 1k0t'10 bee' oonish go sh99h, 47 n711h d66' bee' hada' 77s dzi' n44h bi[bee' oonish y1'1t'44h

But I am hopeful, Chairman, I am hopeful, Commissioners, with the new Chairman here, you know, President Biden put you in that - position, the Navajo people came out in large numbers, as you know, to put that President in the White House.

Shi[chi ho'9 shinanit'1'7, nihi[chi hoo'9 Commissioners, k00h nihi Nanit'1'7 nii 19, Naat'1anii Biden 1ko'ne' da ni nes d1. K00h d00 ts'7d1 nii dl3'7 b1' ada'sii yee'ni[go honeezn1, d00 Kin1h1gai d00 N11t'1anii ldaahwiil yaah.

And you know what, ladies and gentlemen, today, as was mentioned earlier by Chris, we have never seen the NRC here on Navajo land and we thank you and we know there is a brighter future for us and the people who live here.

D00 Chris 1n7, d77j9i di kodi Din4 Bik4yah di ts'7d1 doo NRC nihi[yah iigh1ada n7't'44' doo yii t'98 da k'ad 7nda nihi[yah 77y1, baa'ah44h niidzin, t'00 yo nee' ni j8' t'11' adzoo ba' sil99' kodi Din4 k44hat'7n7g77 b1.

Now this is just one of many more areas on the Navajo Nation. Twenty-seven thousand square miles of land, over 500 open uranium mines. As a matter of fact, Congressman Tom O'Halloran is on the

other side of the Navajo Nation today to tour some mine sites.

Din4 bik4yah bik11' g00 l3'7 k0t'10nahaz3, doo d7i t'477' k0hoot'4eda kwe'4 nihi k4yah gi. Naadiin d00 bi'aan tsosts'id di dim77l dik33d go'az32 go 1n7[t'44l d00 asdla di neezn1 diin d00 n7woshj8' [eetsoh [eezh bi[haa geed y66' bideezla' t'adii nihik4yah bik11' g00 naaz jaa' k'adD77j98 d0' nihi nanit'1'7 Tom O'Halloran e'eaahj7 go [a' [eetsoh [eezh bi[ha das geed go t'11' 1k00h naazh jaa'7g77 yid tah d44z99'.

And so we are vast but we are strong and we are resilient and we are proud and we appreciate you all coming here on a beautiful spring day, is that what we heard, and this is what our Navajo people live through.

Ndtsaago nihik4yah sikaad ndi nihi dziil d00 nih7 ni', nihe' oodl2' d00 nih4'4' ool88[bee' ha'77n77ln7, d00 ni hi[ni l98 go bee siiz9, 7nda kwe;4 nihaa noh y1 h7g77 baa' ah4hasin d77 daan j9, baa da hosi doo ts'32' kot'10 l1 nihi Din4 yii dei y7 kai '11d66'.

Just imagine, with 500 open uranium mines on a windy day a lot of that is probably in the atmosphere going eastward and it's no wonder we need to re-authorize and put some amendments to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act as well.

T'0 baa ni ts0 kees asdl di neezn1 diin d00 niwoshj8' [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadas geed7g77 ak00h naazjaa' go kot'10 jii go n7yol go nigh47 ha'a'aah j8' go sh99 bi[n7yol k'ad, 7nda d77 Radiation Exposure Compensation Bi Bee Haz1a nii bijj8 saad ni da doo k'2s d00 [ah g00 b44 da' di doo tsih 'a[d0.

But that's another fight that we have to do in Congress as well. But there shouldn't be no reason, it shouldn't be a money-saying that, oh, it's going to cost way too much to ship it elsewhere.

\$77 sh99' a[d0Kin1h1gai Naat'lanii Yah an1d11h7g77 bee bi[

n11 da'ahi dii gh22[. !kondi ha't'77sh biniy4 1k0t4ed doo. !aj7 sh99' a[d0' d00
b4eso h7g77 bi k'7 h1 t'lah da doo, k0 neel 33' b22h ha dool44[go nah g00' adoo
gee[t'lad oo ha'n77 bini doo nish.

The Navajo people in this area have lived with this, lived with this for a very long time. And so we plead with you, I plead with you as well, Chairman and Commissions, let's get this waste and get it way far away from the Navajo Nation. Am I right, everyone?

!adi d0' nihi Din4'4 nin1 h1 h11h bii' hoolzhish go yii' da bi
ghan go bee bich'8' na dahwii' n1 11j7. D77 b22h sh7' d0' n1 nosh k3h, shi
naat'lanii, Commissioners, D77 [eetsoh [eezh bi[hadas geed7g77 Din4 bik4yah
bik11' d00 n7zaad g00 k0 doo[77[. T'1sh 1k0t'4 y1' 11d66'?

All right. Well, thank you again and we'll look forward to speaking with you all again this evening at the Commission meeting. (Translation of Native language spoken: Thank you.).

H1 g00sh99h. Ah4hee' 7'77' 30 sh99h a[hi[ni n11 da ho diil
nih nil47 Commission 1[ah n11 n1s d199' di. (Din4 bizaad k'eh j7' ata' hane'.
Ah4hee')

I will turn the time over to you, Chairman. I appreciate you.

K'ad 477 Shi n11 t'lanii, ni kwe'4 saad bee n1n11 hosh aah.
Naa'ah4h sisin.

CHAIRMAN HANSON: Thank you. Thank you, President Nez, and, you know, thank you all for being here today. I am deeply affected by what we heard today.

CHAIRMAN HANSON: Ah4hee'. Ah4hee' Naat'lanii Nez, d00

d77j9 k00h noo y1 h7g77' a[d0. Sh7 tah di t'11'1yis77 nashi[n1a go da hoo ne' d77j9.

I think someone started off, maybe it was Mr. Yazzie, it was certainly Mr. Shuey over here who mentioned the historic nature of the NRC Commissioners, you know, venturing out of Washington or Rockville or, you know, the Two Towers of Mordor, I think somebody mentioned that, and I regret that very much on behalf of past Commissions.

Hai sh99' 47y1' 1n7 ko d00 Mr. Yazzie daats'7, Mr. Shuey 47 d0'
1n7 ts'7d1 7nda' 1[ts4edi NRC Commissioners, kwe'4 y7kai go yiil ts3 n7, ts'7d1
W11shin doon Rockville di Kin agh1 daaz 1ah d66' Twin Towers of Mordor yi[n7'
adaa kai go kodi y7kai, 47 1k0 ho doo' niid7g77 y4ego baa sh7 ni' koj7 n711d66'
Commissioners n7 d11 dlee[go bi[hool zhish7g77.

I am sorry that this is a historic occasion. It shouldn't be a historic occasion for leaders of a federal agency who have the sacred trust of the American people, all of the American people, to protect people and the environment, to come out of our offices in Washington and hear directly from people in their home.

Baash7ni' d77' 7nda kwe'4 k0t'10 ni ha ani kai h7g77. Doosh99h
kot'10 Kin1h1gai di W11shin doon ni 198 nii diyin go B7la'asdlai'ii yi ch'22h naa
gh1a go b711 k'eh doo t'30 n7111d t'0 sid10 t'0 11j7 shi naanish n7zin go da n7t'44'.
Ts'7d1 koj7 k4yah nihi[das8'3n7g77 b1 nei nish, h47 sh99h bee bich'8' d00 bik4yah
chi yo[7n7g77 da bi ch'8' an7 da hwiit'4eh ii bee bi ch'22h n47 d1a go hash t'4h
neil ni[go nihi naa nish. W11shin doon d66' kodi b1 nei dao d00 yii ts7nii ts'32 go
bi[neinish go nizh0n7.

I am deeply grateful and I appreciate, President Nez, the comments of your mother asking us what we can contribute, because I think that is part of our responsibility as public servants to ask ourselves that every

day and to ensure that we are fulfilling our mission to protect people and the environment.

Ts'7d1 baa' ahe niz99' d00 shil ni 19 nim1 haadz77' d33' ha'1t'77l1 bee' o[yeed hash yid t'4ego [ah d00' o[yeed n7, t'11' aaanih j0' 47 [ah d00 ni hi naa nish bi[n7ti' B7la'asdl'a'ii bi[neil nish go' 1k0t'4e[[eh. Bee' 1 daa' 1koz ni dzin go t'11'[a' aj9. Din4 bich'33h ni ji gh1a go I'nda bik4yah d0'.

I would regret very much if someone came away with the impression that the three of us being here was a political stunt. I think we recognize the magnitude of the issue and the decision in front of us and we take it seriously and that's why we wanted to come today.

Doo [a' tsooz9 kod00 nah g00 dah dooh y1ago, d77 t'0 ni hee ni' di ghash go'—political stunt, 1t'4 no sin go' sh7 baa sh7 ni' doo. H1al1 ts'7d1 Ndtsaago' bee'1n1hwiit'44hii ni hi d11h nii t'3 na bi k'7h y1 n11 doo t'ih7gi n11 hast'3, doo t'0 nahj8' ni n11 doo t'1a[g00 naanish, d77 biniinaa kwe'4 niikai.

Again, I just want to thank everyone for sharing your time, the tremendous amount of effort that has gone in. I know there was new construction associated with this meeting so we could get more people in and we deeply appreciate that and this opportunity for you all and for us to hear your stories and to learn.

Nihaa' ah4 nisin t'11'1n0[tsoh kwe'4 ndtsaa go hash t'eeh doo dzaa h7g77 l3'7 g00 baa nish sho[nish go baa'1ko nii dzii' d00 baa'ah4 niidzin. &nda d77 bii' a[ah aleeh7g77 da b44 da' des tiih go t'11 l3'7 go kwe'4 nihi[d7 noo b88[biniy4, d77 da baa' ah4 niidzin, d00 kwe'4 nih1 hoo'a'7g77 da kod00 nih77 dil ts'7[gi nihi[da ho[ne' go b0 hwii diil 1[.

You know, the other comment Mrs. Nez had for us was that we don't understand, and I thought, you know, she's right, I don't. As

someone said we're here for a day and you all live with this every day and I think we have to recognize the magnitude and the importance of that.

N11na kwe'4 Mrs. Nez 1n11 d7' n7, doo a[ch'sih d66' a[k'i dii tiih dah 477sh 1t'4 n7, j0 t'11'an77 nisin sh7, sh7 doo hazh0'0 bik'I dish tiih kwe' 4 nihi[lhoot'4h7g77 doo kwe'4 shi ghan da go doob4 n1sh1a da d77 [eetsoh bideezla', ts'7d1 ndtsaa go' bik'eh k1'oo d11[gi t'11'y7s77 bee' 1n1hoot'I' gi da.

But we want to understand and that's why we are here and I look forward to hearing more tonight at the meeting. We are going to hear more from you, Mr. President, more from you, Director Shirley and Ms. Hood, among a number of others, our partners at the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy.

Ts'7d1 bik'I di dii t'99[nii dzin, 47 biniy4 kwe'4 nii kai, d00 d77 I'77'3n7g77 bii' sh99' nihi ch'8' ha n11 da doh dzih, Naat'lanii Nez d00 nih7, d00 Naat'lanii Shirley d00 Ms. Hood nid0' ladi nihi ch'8' ha n11 da dooh dzih.D00 [a' bi[ni deil nish EPA d00' da'7n77sh j7 d00 Department of Energy da ha n11 da hi do dzih.

I look forward to continuing our discussion. So thank you very, very much again.

B7ni' t'11 n11s g00 baa y1 deil ti'. Ah4hee' ndtsaa go.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: Okay.

(Off-microphone comments.) ([a' y1zh di[ti' kwe'4)

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: H1g00sh99h.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: Yes, we do. (Translation of Native language spoken: That is the length of our meeting here my relatives and people here, we are very thankful for your participation as well.) I am very thankful that you are all here and we will see you again this evening.

Maybe she is getting ready for the meeting.

DIRECTOR SHIRLEY: Aoo', t'11' 1k0t'4. (Din4 bizaad k'eh j7' 1t'a hane. Ak0 n7[tsoph go 1[ah sii dl99' doo ah4hee' shi Din4'4 d00 kooh ni hi sokai h7g77, nihaa' ah4 niidzin kwe'4 1d7 d77n o[ti' go atah soo d1a go koj8' a[tsoh)

MS. HOOD: Okay, guests, so when you are driving out when you are leaving please drive very slowly because you don't want all that dust in our face. Thank you.

MS. HOOD: H1 g00sh99, a[tah 1tsii[g00, kod00 nihi[da da' di yii jeeh go t'11 hazh0o' 1go nihi[ch'7 da di yoo jaah, leezh t'00' aha y007 n7 di' doo jo[nihi k'I' j8' go. Ah4hee'

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 5:04 p.m.)

Kod00 d77 w0dah go saad bik1 l'gi nii nil7g77 asdla'di' d00 d99' bee bill' oskid go a[ch'I' 1lyaa.