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There is no way to make nuclear power clean.

It is mined from land that belongs to sovereign nations, and the mines do not benefit the people who live traditionally in the area. Rather, the mines destroy and degrade grazing and farm lands and sacred sites on which the traditional lifeway depends.

In the mining of uranium, radioactive materials and heavy metals contaminate the surface ground and the water.

Many Navajo families and clans have already suffered the consequences of this contamination and do not want to see progressive neuropathy from heavy metals or the cancers caused by radiation again. Many still live in fear that they may be the next to be diagnosed with mine - related disease... and this is half a century after the last mines operated.

The mines themselves disseminate toxic dust to the neighboring districts.

The uranium must be transported, thus creating hazard on the roads or rails, and providing a potential target for terrorism.

The uranium must be processed into a form in which it can be used, and this refinery/factory is vulnerable to potential attack, and is a potential source of radiation and pollution.

The use of radioactive materials for energy and war is itself dangerous. Due to the potential for a plume of radioactive material to be discharged from a plant under emergency conditions, millions of people and the land and animals on which they depend can be adversely affected by a plant failure.

Spent radioactive material from power plants is still dangerous and will remain so for millenia. There is no safe place to store it.

Keep the uranium in the ground where it can do little harm.

Sincerely,

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