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Objet : testimony

Dear Commission, I respectfully request to submit testimony jointly with Perry H. Charley of the Navajo Nation in the upcoming Quebec hearings in support of a continuation of the moratorium and a permanent ban on uranium mining out of respect for the human rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" for all people.

I have recently completed my History of Science dissertation, "Rocks and Reactors: An Atomic Interpretation of Human Rights" a meta analysis of human rights aims and abuses from nuclear technology. Human rights are a key issue raised by nuclear technology as 80% of the nuclear fuel chain, the mining, milling, production, testing and storage of nuclear materials occurs on lands where indigenous communities live. This disproportionate burden is a significant human rights concern. In the process of writing my dissertation, I had the opportunity to visit Elliott Lake and see the major alteration of the landscape and the displacement of indigenous people caused by mining pollution. I have also seen the results of the tragedy caused by uranium mining at the Navajo Nation and for the Lakota people of North Dakota.

Perry H. Charley has dedicated his life to the cleanup of abandoned uranium mines on the Navajo Nation and he is intimately familiar with the spiritual, social, economic and health impacts of uranium mining. We urge these impacts be taken into account that are unfairly placed in communities that have little means to refuse due to economic pressures.

Here is a link to my article about Perry H. Charley and uranium mining on the Navajo Nation that was published in the Chemical Heritage Magazine
<http://www.chemheritage.org/discover/media/magazine/articles/31-1-on-poisoned-ground.aspx>

My cv, dissertation and an article that uses history to make this point about human rights are also attached.

We would like to present a power point presentation about the impacts of uranium mining from the Navajo perspective and we will be available during the month of November by phone or skype most anytime except Mondays from 1 to 5 pm and Wed from 1 to 5 pm Pacific Standard Time.

We can be reached at atomiclinda@gmail.com and 541-740-3341.

Sincerely, Linda M. Richards and Perry H. Charley