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Protect and Preserve Our Mother Earth**

**Uranium Contamination Stakeholder
Workshop**

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(To'Nanees'Dizi 5-Top Priorities)

Forgotten People CDC

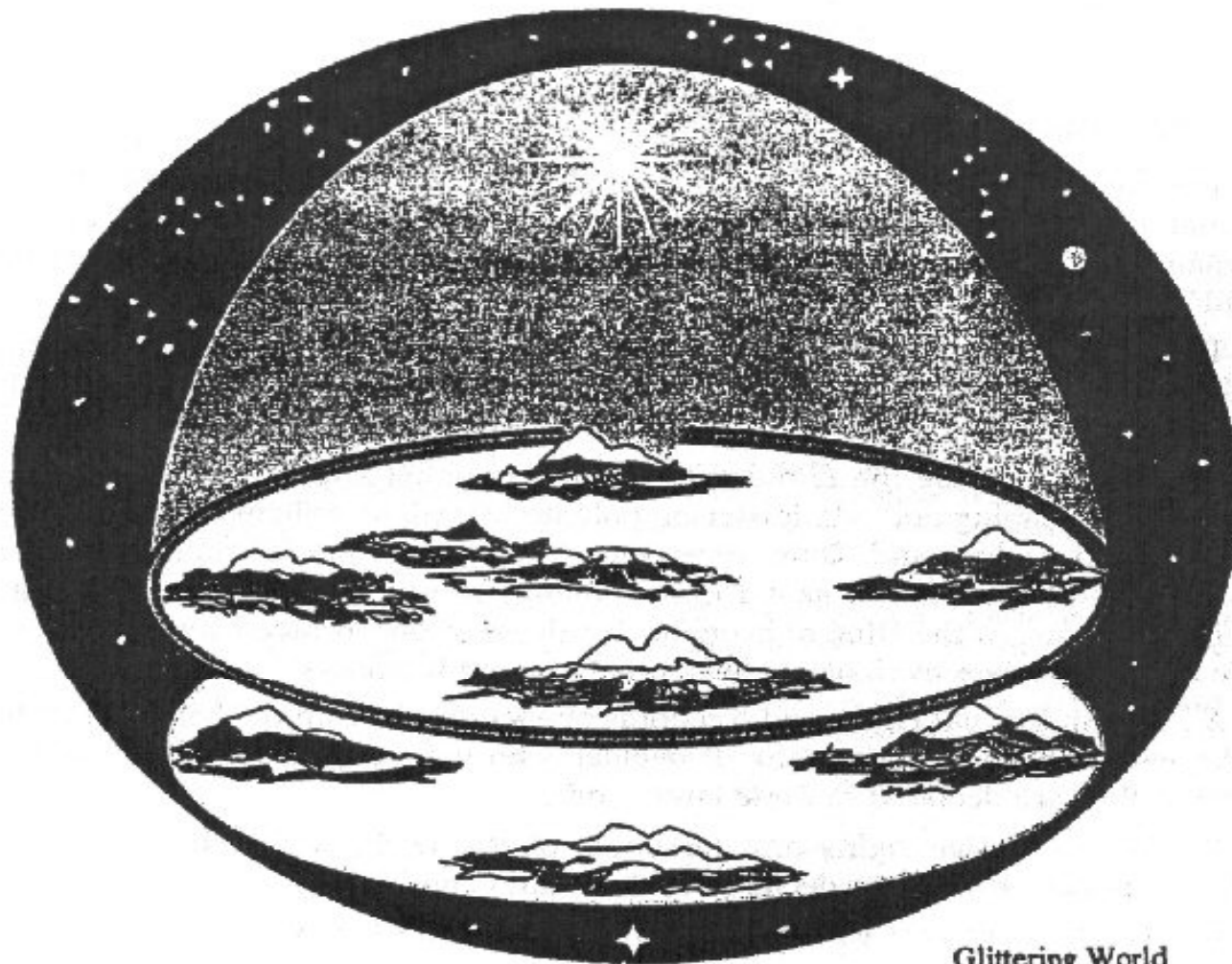
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President



Traditional Environmental Justice

Mother Earth and Father Universe



White World

Glittering World

Diné Bi Beehaz'áanii Bitse Siléí
Declaration of the Foundation of Diné Law

- We, the Diné, the people of the Great Covenant, are the image of our ancestors and we are created in connection with all creation.
- The Diné have a sacred obligation and duty to respect, preserve and protect all that was provided, for we were designated as the steward of these relatives through our use of the sacred gifts of language and thinking.
- Mother Earth and Father Sky are part of us as the Diné and the Diné is part of Mother Earth and Father Sky; The Diné must treat this sacred bond with love and respect without exerting dominance for We Do Not Own Our Mother or Father.
- It is the duty and responsibility of the Diné to protect and preserve the beauty ways, and the natural world for future generations.

Past Environmental Injustices

Uranium Mining

- From 1944 to 1986, 3.9 million tons of uranium ore was extracted from Navajo Nation from more than 500 mines
- Largest nuclear accident on US soil occurred in 1979 at Church Rock when radioactive material broke from its dam
- Health of Navajo miners and their families were not protected
- Water and Land and communities were contaminated
- Social, Environmental, Economic and Health Injustice is the Uranium mining legacy

To'Nanees'Dizi 5-Top Priorities Uranium Contamination

- Amend RECA Law to include non-miners and families exposed (secondary exposure) to be eligible for health services and compensation
- Misdiagnosis of health problems and diseases not being attributed to uranium contamination i.e.; birth defects, still born, diabetes, various types of cancers...lack of screening programs/facilities across the Navajo Nation
- Lack of Information and support for the People from Navajo Nation Central Government and their many Department Agencies....where are they?
- Fear of being relocated due to lack of clean-up of our Mother lands and water contamination
- Honor and Adopt the Forgotten People's Uranium Resolution



The Forgotten People CDC is a 501(C)(3) registered in the State of Arizona and Navajo Nation. Our members advocate to protect their Sovereignty for Social, Environmental and Economic Justice.

RESOLUTION 009-12

- **WE THE DINE PEOPLE THROUGH THIS RESOLUTION DEMAND THE NAVAJO NATION AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ENSURE OUR SURVIVAL BY FUNDING THE NEED TO REMEDIATE THE RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION IN OUR AIR, WATER AND HOMELANDS; UPHOLD AND HONOR THE MORATORIUM AGAINST MINING URANIUM UNTIL WHICH TIME ALL CONTAMINATION HAS BEEN REMEDIATED; SUPPORT *THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO KNOW ACT OF 1986* AND FUND A PEOPLE'S URANIUM RADIATION DETECTION AND DATA COLLECTION NETWORK SYSTEM; ENSURE ALL DOWNWIND VICTIMS OF URANIUM CONTAMINATION BE MADE ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE *US RADIATION EXPOSURE AND COMPENSATION ACT OF 1990 AND AS AMENDED*.**

When will these issues be resolved
for our Dine'? Ake' hee'.

