The Native Community Action Council provides the following comments:

No portion of any interim storage facility is allowed within 1863 Shoshone treaty lands because such a facility will become a de facto nuclear waste repository;

Any facility proposed to be built within 1863 Shoshone treaty lands is an unmitigated threat to the land and Native American people;

Native American culture is a unique exposure pathway that is not understood and must be in order to appropriately calculate risk and inform protective behavior of Native American stakeholders;

Because of Shoshone past exposure to radiation in fallout from US testing of weapons of mass destruction, Shoshone cannot endure any increase burden of risk from any source including an interim storage facility within treaty defined Shoshone country and must be studied;

Burden of risk must be studied. Disproportionate burden of risk if borne by Native American community is environmental racism.

The 1863 Shoshone treaty is a significant encumbrance of siting of an interim storage facility within treaty defined Shoshone country.

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