CIS is Nuclear Colonialism

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NUCLEAR COLONIALISM

...is the systematic dispossession of indigenous lands, exploitation of cultural resources, and the subjugation and oppression of indigenous peoples to further nuclear production of energy and proliferation of weapons from uranium mining, uranium processing, weapons testing, and waste storage, resulting in the destruction of indigenous peoples (genocide) and cultures and the creation of National Sacrifice Zones.

Sources: Compilation of Definition of Nuclear Colonialism from LaDuke, Churchill, and others; Image courtesy Radiation Monitoring Project
Uranium Deposits in the U.S.

Consolidated “Interim” Storage

Proposed "Temporary" Storage of Radioactive Waste (or CIS) & Nuclear Power Plants Across the U.S.

Image: Courtesy of NISG

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- Waste Control Specialists

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Image: https://nuclearactive.org/water-air-and-land-a-sacred-trust
NM overburdened by Nuclear Industry

Proposed Holtec CIS Site

LES Urenco Enrichment Facility

Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

Source: Google Maps, search “Laguna Gatuna”

Waste Control Specialists (WCS) existing Low-Level Rad Waste and Hazardous Materials facility & Proposed Interim Storage Partners (ISP) CIS Site
Proposed CIS within Permian Basin

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CIS is ILLEGAL, Violates Environmental Justice

- Legal Challenges against BOTH Holtec & ISP from local community, environmental, and industry intervenors: NISG is part of Don’t Waste Michigan Citizens’ Environmental Coalition et al v. NRC
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Atomic Safety and Licensing Board and (upon appeal) NRC Commissioners denied standing and 50+ contentions
- Appeal to DC Circuit Court of Appeals pending
- New Mexico Attorney General taking legal action against U.S. NRC re: CIS
- Formal Opposition from many NM communities, municipalities, counties
- Opposition from NM State Land Commissioner, Governor, Indigenous Nations: All Pueblo Council of Governments and Navajo Nation Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission

Images: Courtesy of NISG and https://geology.com/state-map/new-mexico.shtml