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I'm writing to ask you to choose "No Action" on the Roca Honda Resources Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the reasons listed below:

Roca Honda will waste NM's water. The millions of gallons of water Roca Honda plans to pump and use will come from the underground aquifer the New Mexico public will rely on for the future.

There's no mill to process the uranium. There's only one in the country, and it's not accepting new ore.

The health impact to local communities has not been properly assessed. NM's people continue to suffer from the lingering health effects of earlier uranium mining. The cumulative effect of radiation exposure in particular need to be examined. The treatment of miners during the height of the first wave of uranium was completely disgraceful, with miners not even told of the dangers or given proper protective gear. I'm worried this could happen again.

There's no repository for uranium waste. It seems a breach of public trust to proceed without a place for the dangerous waste. This point must be addressed for the project to make sense.

The DEIS does not identify a mill site, transportation route and communities along the way. This is a major omission, given the potential for devastating nuclear spills on NM highways.

There's insufficient evidence that so-called "new technology" will meaningfully reduce the dangers involved in uranium mining. Roca Honda would be a conventional underground mine, the same type of mine that NM dealt with in the past.

Water and healthy communities are human rights.

Thank you for considering my comments and concerns.