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NRC Seeks Public Comment on Draft Environmental Study on Waste Transfer at Church Rock Site in New Mexico

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is [seeking public comment](#) on a draft Environmental Impact Statement for United Nuclear Corp.'s proposed transfer of mine waste from the Church Rock uranium mine in McKinley County, New Mexico.

United Nuclear has applied for a license amendment authorizing it to excavate approximately 1 million cubic yards of mine waste from the Northeast Church Rock Mine Site and dispose of it at an existing uranium mill site nearby. The proposal is part of a longstanding effort to clean up the Church Rock site, which was contaminated during mine operations from 1967 to 1982.

The [draft EIS](#) concludes that most impacts, in areas such as groundwater, surface water, air quality, traffic, and noise would occur primarily during the 3.5-year duration of the project. If approved, the license amendment would facilitate the safe disposal of the mine waste from Navajo Nation land.

The NRC staff will conduct two virtual public meetings, on [Dec. 2](#) and [Dec. 9](#), at 4 p.m. Eastern Time (2 p.m. Mountain Time) to present its preliminary findings and take comments from the public. Details will be available on the agency's [public meetings webpage](#). Comments may also be submitted over the federal government's rulemaking site, www.regulations.gov, using Docket ID NRC-2019-0026; by email to UNC-ChurchRockEIS.resource@nrc.gov; by voicemail to 1-888-672-3425; or by U.S. mail to Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments will be accepted through Dec. 28.