**TELL THE RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO SAY NO TO NEW URANIUM MINING**

 The Resources Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is considering a resolution that would allow a Texas uranium mining company, Uranium Resources, Inc. (“URI”), formerly known as “HRI”, access to tribal lands for uranium mining. The resolution, **Resolution 0373-13**, is sponsored by Council Delegates **Leonard Tsosie** and **Katherine Benally**. The RDC is inviting public comments until December 21, 2013, 5 P.M. Please ask RDC members to say **NO** to new uranium mining. The RDC should reject the resolution because:

* The resolution violates the Diné Natural Resources Protection Act of 2005. In that law, the entire Navajo Nation Council prohibited uranium mining and processing on tribal land. The resolution would allow URI to mine uranium on reservation land in Churchrock. A single committee of the Council cannot overturn legislation passed by the entire Council.
* The resolution violates the Radioactive Substances Transportation Act of 2012, which was passed by the entire Navajo Nation Council. That law prohibits transportation of radioactive materials across tribal land, except in limited circumstances that must be approved by the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency.
* The resolution violates the Navajo Nation Energy Policy of 2013, passed by the entire Navajo Nation Council.
* The resolution conflicts with the access agreement that the Navajo Nation has already negotiated with URI and that does not allow any new uranium mining.
* The people of the Navajo Nation have rejected uranium mining because it has never resulted in any meaningful economic development for the Diné – it has only resulted in radioactive air, polluted water, sickness and death.

Comments on Resolution 0373-13 should be emailed to comments@navajo-nsn.gov. Letters and written comments should be mailed to: Executive Director, Office of Legislative Services, PO Box 3390, Window Rock, AZ. 86515.