Who we are: 7 member unpaid board of directors from a range of cultures and backgrounds, many allies & volunteers.

Mission: To conduct independent research, inform and empower the public, and take action to break the cycle of nuclear denial.
Nuclear Colonialism

“Colonialism” - Derived from the Italian name Cristobal Colon, known in the U.S. as explorer Christopher Columbus.

The act of occupying and using the lands and natural resources of other peoples to benefit one’s own group or nation.
Who Bombs Who

No nation has tested its weapons on its own ruling population or allies.

• The U.S. conducted its first test in New Mexico, near the Mescalero Apache Nation.
• 128 atmospheric tests were conducted in the South Pacific Islands and 3 in the Atlantic.
• 3 tests were detonated in the Aleutian Islands in Alaska.
• The Nevada Test Site is 1,350 square miles of Western Shoshone lands, Newe Sogobia, guaranteed by the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley & ratified by Congress. The Shoshone call themselves “the most bombed Nation on Earth”, with 1,021 nuclear bombs detonated in 928 tests.
Who Bombs Who, continued

• Great Britain exploded bombs on at least 11 aboriginal Nations in Australia from 1952-1963, without warning them. Other tests took place on Christmas and Enewetak Islands in the Pacific. Britain conducted 24 more tests at the Nevada Test Site from 1962-1991.
• France detonated 17 bombs in Algeria until a revolution forced them out in 1962. They moved operations to the Pacific peoples, exploding 187 bombs on the islands of Fangataufa and Mururoa through 1996.
• Russia tested its bombs mainly on the Kazakh people (496), 3 other provinces (5), and the far north arctic site, Noviya Zemlia (214).
• China bombed the Uygur people near the Tibetan border.
Nuclear States Bomb Indigenous Nations
Nuclear Weapons Blasts 1945-1998

Weapons States: United States, Russia, France, China, Great Britain
Bombed States: Newe Sogobia, Kazakhstan, Ugyur, Polynesia, etc.

Modified from William LeBon and Bernard Nietschmann, 1987
“One day we saw a flash of lightening. Then a dull clap of thunder followed, and the Earth beneath our feet trembled. We had no idea what was going on, and the next day our mother took us to the desert to pray and to try to understand what we had seen and felt. But there was no answer, and we felt sad and empty when we got back home. No one told us of the danger.”

Pauline Esteves, Timbisha Shoshone, Death Valley CA
• Over 300,000 U.S. servicemen were also deliberately radiated in the South Pacific and Nevada.

• From 1951-1962, 84 bombs were exploded in open air in Nevada, emitting 12 billion curies of radiation.
“I have had miscarriages on 7 occasions. One child I miscarried had only one eye. Many of my friends have given birth to things we could only describe as ‘octopuses’, ‘apples’, or ‘turtles’. One woman gave birth to a child with 2 heads. ‘Jellyfish’ babies are the most common birth defects, with no bones and transparent skin.”

Lijon Eknilang, Rongelap Atoll, South Pacific
A coalition of Native nations and environmental organizations defeated the proposed “low-level” nuclear waste dump at Ward Valley, near Needles CA.

Native Nations Now Targeted, continued

• As Yucca Mt. Repository drags on, attempts have been made to site interim Monitored Retrievable Storage (MRS) facilities on Indian Reservations.

• In a remarkable new form of ‘complimentary’ racism, the federal government has actually suggested that Native Americans, because of their spiritual connection with the Earth, are the most logical caretakers of the nation’s most toxic substances.

• The Skull Valley Goshute tribe in Western Utah is deeply divided over a proposed MRS site that a few allegedly corrupt officials invited onto tribal land.
Western Shoshone continue to hold spring renewal prayers and ceremonies on the western side of Yucca Mt. as well as challenge the U.S. government in court.

In 2004, the UN Committee to End Racial Discrimination cited pursuit of the repository as one aspect of U.S. human rights violations against the Shoshone.
WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER