



HAVASUPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL

Statement from the Havasupai Tribe Regarding Energy Fuels Resources Once Again Hauling Uranium Ore

Energy Fuels Resources, Inc. (EFRI) trucks, covered with tie-down tarps, traveling at 65 miles per hour, are making their way across our aboriginal lands, the State of Arizona and the Navajo Nation, once again disregarding the health risk and dangerous implications of uranium mining. The U.S. Forest Service confirmed on February 12, 2025 that EFRI is once again hauling uranium ore through areas where humans visit, hike, hunt, travel and live.

Since EFRI began mining uranium in December 2023, the Havasupai Tribe has been forced to witness the degradation of our aboriginal lands that include the mining site and surrounding areas. Despite EFRI's promises that mining is safe, our Tribe remains well-versed on the health risks associated with radioactive contamination.

As Guardians of the Grand Canyon, we the Havasuw 'Baaja, the Havasupai Tribe, have opposed uranium mining in and around our Reservation and the Grand Canyon since time immemorial. We do this to protect our people, our land, our water, our past, our present and our future. And yet, despite the historic and current assistance and advocacy from numerous allies, and the countless letters, phone calls, and personal pleas, our urgent requests to stop this life-threatening action have been disregarded.

This is real for us. We live here. Our culture and traditions originate here and are knit together with who we are as individual tribal members and as a Tribe.

We are deeply disappointed in EFRI and the Navajo Nation for not including us in their discussions that ultimately led to the dangerous decision to allow hauling of radioactive material across our aboriginal lands. The Navajo Nation is not the only Tribe or community affected by this activity. This was a blatant disregard for others impacted by the hauling activity which could have been avoided by allowing our voice to be heard. We are further disheartened that state and federal agencies and officials charged to protect this sacred land stand on the side lines not saying a word.

Today there are two trucks, by month's end it will be four trucks, each hauling 24 tons of this dangerous and highly toxic material. It is clear that EFRI has no regard for others and is simply acting in their own self-interest.

Tribal members and millions of visitors each year are now impacted by the operation of the mine and the hauling of the ore. Shame on EFRI and those who were not brave enough to do what is right and necessary.

We will not give up. We owe that to our ancestors, our children, and the generations to come. We will fight on.