

Grace peters

In the 1950s, uranium mining moved to Navajo Nation outside of Gallup. Big companies like UNC promised new jobs. They promised wealth to residents. They promised a change in the right direction. Now, in 2026? The jobs are gone. Uranium dust lingers. Babies are born with uranium in their bodies. Our elders are dying of cancers. They made promises that they did not keep, because they knew that if they got access to our state, no financial penalty, no damage that they could cause, would be worth avoiding for the profit their companies could gain. We are a valuable resource to them, and a finite one. There's one key difference between then and now: this time, we know the consequences. We know what will happen. We will be depleted and left sick and dying. But we know how to prevent it! To this day, I have not met a single New Mexican who supports the construction of the Doña Ana County data center. Political party has had no impact on their opinions. The fact of the matter is simple: those constructing Project Jupiter have no motivation to protect New Mexicans. They have no incentive to protect our health, jobs, and land. Say no and give them hell. For OUR PEOPLE. So our children have drinking water that isn't brown. So we can water our crops. So we have inhabitable cool lands and our elders are protected from heat exhaustion.