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B.F.A. Film Production

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"Tailings" - A Short Documentary

Outside the small, snowy town of Grants, New Mexico, is a 22-million-ton pile of highly radioactive uranium byproduct, known as tailings. They are the remains of the last uranium boom in the area, and have contaminated the air and water for more than 50 years. Now, new companies are trying to mine uranium in the area, promising prosperity and safety. As the demand for energy rises and the future of nuclear power is questioned worldwide, much is at stake for the residents of Grants. Through personal, cinematic scenes and my own narration, the film ultimately questions the role of nuclear energy in a rapidly changing landscape.