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NATIONAL NUCLEAR COMMISSION: ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR MEDIA

The National Nuclear Commission recognizes the freedom of the media, and issues the following guidelines for ethical journalism. These guidelines are not related to content; they are guideposts for ethical engagement with nuclear-impacted communities that have a long history of abuse and exploitation by outsiders.

To meet the ethical standards for media from the NNC, the NNC recommends the following:

1. Hire a local Marshallese community member who can serve as translator, guide for appropriate cultural protocols (securing permissions, working with our traditional leaders). Upon request, the NNC will provide the names of local community members with experience serving as cultural guides.
2. Demonstrate respect to our elders who have firsthand experiences with the nuclear legacy, and recognize that many of them have told their stories repeatedly.
3. Consider a donation to local non-profit organizations who support your inquiry. Assisting journalists requires resources of time and people and takes away from other essential work.
4. Share copies of publications, including photographs and media, with the local governments that provide permission for your work in their communities, and to the NNC.