

Appendix 11 (c)

Youth Art Contest

3rd Prize Winner: Jean Marshall

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Age: 28

Title: *“Honour Earth”*



“Nuclear waste is an environmental problem that poses a threat to Native lands. Nuclear waste is affecting our natural environment to the point that our survival is at stake. It’s the only land we have, so let’s take care of it. Everyone needs to be aware that nuclear waste exists in order to make mass change. We are all connected to the land, therefore, we should all be making efforts to make sure that nuclear waste is managed. The loss of habitat and destruction of ecosystems is having a negative impact on the wildlife. Environmental issues such as climate change and poor air quality are both induced by humans. We live in a society that is addicted to energy and power. We need to focus on the future. Renewable sources such as wind, power and conservation are amazing energy sources. Everyone must take responsibility for minimizing waste and becoming informed of the damaging effects of nuclear waste.

The logo is symbolic of many things. The three feathers surrounding the circle (of life) represent the power and strength of wind. The circle is divided into three sections; water, land and air. They provide food, clothing, shelter and medicine. They all need to be respected and protected. The hummingbird is representing the sky and air. The butterfly is symbolic of changes to come. The tree is symbolic of land and life. The fish represents the water. The turtle is in the centre with the four directions. All in all, the picture is representing all life on earth. I hope this artwork will attract people who are both aware and unaware of nuclear problems. In turn, bring them together in being active and vocal about nuclear waste and other environmental issues, for it is pertinent for the survival of our people.”