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CP Self Assessment

1. Read the intro and briefly summarize what you are trying to accomplish with it. What is the important information you mean to introduce? What context do you provide? What are you trying to establish with relation to ethos, style, and scope of the essay.

In the intro paragraph I want to grab the attention of the audience starting with something that is obvious along with some lesser known fact. One of the two facts I provide is the health risks and the substantial period which the nuclear radioactive substance could last. I establish early on what will be mentioned in the essay and the impact it could have as well as establishing my ethos as a narrator.

2. Summarize the localized impact of climate change your project centers on. Briefly explain why you chose this topic. Why does it interest you? Why do you think it would interest your readers?

The impact of nuclear plants and disposal facilities lies on the risk of exposure due to accidents at the facility, transportation, as well as natural disaster or even lack of knowledge in storage material and nuclear material's behavior. This makes the topic of environmental justice rather important because these risks should be shared by the community and risk assessment should be done carefully. I think my reader will find it interesting and slightly uncomfortable knowing some groups have higher risk at nuclear exposure than the others.

3. Overview: briefly explain the structure of the essay. Why have you ordered things in the way you have? Is there sufficient primary evidence? Secondary evidence? What do you still need to do to make your essay better?

I structured my essay so I provide enough background information before delving into the problem that lies in the system. I chose this way of ordering because the nature of the issue is rather technical and without sufficient background information one might not be able to understand why this is a problem. I think my essay could be improved by better explaining some of the key words and context and making them make more sense to my reader.

4. What paragraph from your draft are you the most proud of and why? Which paragraph are you the most anxious about? What worries do you have about the writing in that section? Sourcing? Structure? etc.

I am really proud of my paragraph that came after the political cartoon, to me that paragraph connected with the previous topic Not In My Backyard(NIMBY) and the main focus of the essay (environmental justice) very well.

I am worried about the paragraph where the journey of nuclear power is being explained. I am not sure if I go into enough detail but I worry about being not on topic.

I am worried about choosing the right sources in general. Though I am somewhat satisfied with what I have done, there are two more sources that I found that I don't know how to link with the rest of the essay (Yucca Mountain Container case study and WIPP shipment case study).

5. What specific changes are you considering making to your draft beyond that paragraph?

I am considering adding one paragraph about the views of other authors as well (the ones mentioned in question 4) as making changes in layout and ordering to make the flow of the essay better.