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Trust Territory of the U.S.

As the administering authority of the U.N. trust territory, the U.N. required the U.S. to promote the health and well-being of the citizens of the trust territory and “to protect the inhabitants against the loss of their lands and resources.”
Radiation does not sit still: plutonium from Hanford (WA State!) in the ocean currents, people → cancer.
RMI: 67 tests, 1946-1958
1.6 Hiroshima bombs a day
Cold War veterans
internment and medical experimentation: military benefits
Why do we all know the word “bikini,” but we don’t know about the Bikinians? Whose bodies can access healthcare?
“Clean-up”: nuclear waste in RMI doesn’t meet U.S. standard for municipal waste
What would any of us do if there were no healthcare options for our family?
Legal migrants: no green card, no visa requirements. Pay taxes, work, defend the U.S., go to school.