



FIRST DO NO HARM: THE PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE, POLLUTION
AND PHYTOREMEDIATION

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This exhibition is dedicated to the honored memory of those harmed by exposure to toxic products. Included in this memory is our natural world, which has been harmed by the actions and greed of many.

It is especially presented to the Native American population, who, as part of their daily living habits, are exposed more than most people to the environmental problems existing in their living space.

Precautionary Principle: In short, think before you act. If something is suspect, do not use it until proven safe to do so.

Pollution: To make a clean area or situation harmful.

Phytoremediation: The use of plants to convert toxic areas – land, air, or water – to clean ones by absorbing the pollutants into their tissues and either converting them to a safe state, or holding them in the plant tissues to be treated as toxic waste, while leaving the environment clean and safe for reuse.