

● First uranium lease with Navajo Nation  
1944

4 million tons uranium ore excavated from Navajo land

1944 - 1986

● Creation of Atomic Energy Commission  
1946

● Paddy Martinez "discovered" uranium in Grants  
1950

Grants district produced more uranium than any other district in the world

1951 - 1980

● NM Water Quality Act  
1974

● Permit requirements  
1975

● Mine Safety and Health Act  
1977

● NM uranium production  
1978

● Reclamation Control  
1978

● Three Mile Island a  
1979

● Churchrock uran  
1979

● First nuclear reactor  
1942

● First US use of in-situ leaching  
1961

● Public Health Study - 1st Contamination  
1961

● NEPA  
1969

1945

1950

1955

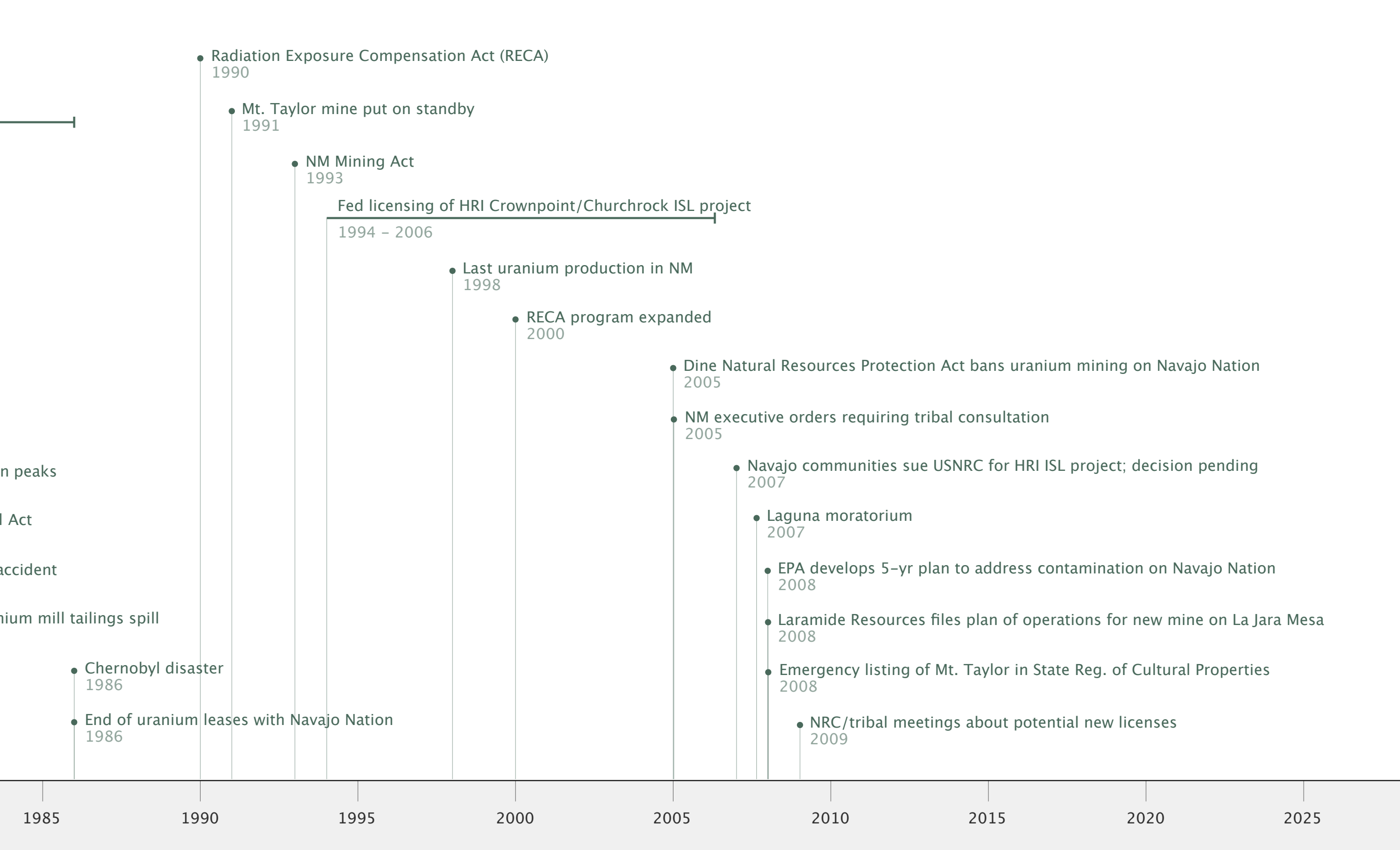
1960

1965

1970

1975

1980



● Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA)  
1990

● Mt. Taylor mine put on standby  
1991

● NM Mining Act  
1993

Fed licensing of HRI Crownpoint/Churchrock ISL project  
1994 - 2006

● Last uranium production in NM  
1998

● RECA program expanded  
2000

● Dine Natural Resources Protection Act bans uranium mining on Navajo Nation  
2005

● NM executive orders requiring tribal consultation  
2005

● Navajo communities sue USNRC for HRI ISL project; decision pending  
2007

● Laguna moratorium  
2007

● EPA develops 5-yr plan to address contamination on Navajo Nation  
2008

● Laramide Resources files plan of operations for new mine on La Jara Mesa  
2008

● Emergency listing of Mt. Taylor in State Reg. of Cultural Properties  
2008

● NRC/tribal meetings about potential new licenses  
2009