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***Radiate the Truth*: New video and infographic series will teach communities about uranium contamination and health impacts**

Series to be available in Navajo (Dineh) and English

TAKOMA PARK, MD, November 29, 2022 – A new video and infographics series, *Radiate the Truth*, that details the history and impacts of uranium on the body and the environment, will [premiere during an online Zoom event](#), December 7, 2022 at 11am PT, 12pm MT, 1pm CT, 2pm ET. The event will feature statements from the creators, and a screening of the two short videos, followed by a discussion.

Radiate the Truth is a collaborative initiative of McKinley Collaborative for Health Equity, a project of New Mexico Social Justice & Equity Institute (NMSJEI), Beyond Nuclear, and Gender + Radiation Impact Project.

The video series will be permanently available to view from December 8, 2022 onward on the Beyond Nuclear website page at this link:

<https://beyondnuclear.org/uranium-mine-waste-info/>

Radiate the Truth delivers short, accessible educational videos and infographics to teach about the history and effects of uranium on the body and the environment. The teaching tools have been translated into Dineh (Navajo).

Jayne Yancy, Creative Media Director and Youth Recruiter from New Mexico Social Justice & Equity Institute, states:

“It is important for the youth and future generations to learn about the past, present, and future impacts caused by radiation exposure. In order to create change we must listen, understand, and educate others about the harmful effects it has had on our land, people and health. As we strive to strengthen our communities and advocate for environmental justice we must hold space to make information available to create equitable change.”

A long history of uranium mining has left radioactive and heavy metal wastes contaminating air, water, land, wildlife and people. This is a radioactive reality, especially for young Dineh, on whose land more than 500 uranium mines were once operated.

The *Radiate the Truth* team seeks to provide public health messages on the potential exposure risks of uranium and its byproducts. Even with this [lasting legacy of contamination](#), many communities are again being threatened with uranium mining, which was [banned](#) by the Navajo Nation Council in 2005. Uranium is used to create electricity from nuclear power, despite the fact that nuclear power is not green energy and will not address the climate crisis.

“Access to information is paramount and currently, there is no space to hold for our people that need to have this information free, readily available, and for use in schools, hospitals, universities and public health organizations,” said Anna Rondon, Project Director, New Mexico Social Justice & Equity Institute.

Ionizing radiation is more harmful to female bodies compared to male bodies – independent of pregnancy. The pregnant woman and the developing phases of life have the greatest potential for damage and harm from radiation exposure compared to any other part of the human lifecycle.

Mary Olson, founder of Gender + Radiation Impact Project states:

“Developing ways to reduce and prevent radiation exposure is vital to the health of the community. We hope the information that this collaborative is sharing will help.”

Some Native American communities are living with a 150-year legacy of potential exposure to radioactive and heavy metal mine waste. Studies indicate that these exposures can result in a cumulative impact over generations, and can leave descendants of a community more susceptible to damage from exposures than their parents were.

“It is important to recognize this legacy of exposure and provide appropriate measures focused on maintaining health and compensating for this cross-generational burden”, said Cindy Folkers, Radiation and Health Hazard Specialist at Beyond Nuclear, “Our collaboration is important because the threat of this contamination is still present.”

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