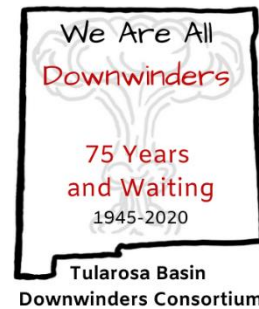


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Dear Participant \_\_\_\_\_,

We appreciate your support of the Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium (TBDC) in our continuing effort to gain recognition and compensation for individuals impacted by exposure to radiation during atmospheric nuclear weapons testing in New Mexico, specifically the first atomic bomb ever exploded, at the Trinity site, New Mexico, in July 1945.

A recently released report from the National Cancer Institute, "*Study to Estimate Radiation Doses and Cancer Risks Resulting from Exposure to Radioactive Fallout from the Trinity Nuclear Test*" contains significant errors that the TBDC is challenging. While noting that a primary source of radiation exposure is through consumed food and water, the study determined that:

“Almost no communities reported collecting rain water for cooking and drinking. Most drinking and cooking water came from wells that were covered which tended to protect them from contamination”.

We, as Downwinders contend that the above statements are incorrect. Many residents gathered rain water for drinking and cooking. Wells were scarce and not normally used for anything other than watering animals and crops.

We are asking for statements of your memories and experiences with drinking and cooking water in the area around Trinity. It is important these statements be in the form of affidavits in order to give added weight to our assertion that much of our drinking water and cooking water was actually rain water gathered in cisterns or other receptacles.

If you can help, please complete the attached affidavit which signifies that the information provided is true and is first-hand information, not second-hand or speculation. The statement can be hand-written. Include in your statement the general time period and geographic area you are referencing. If you need more space, attach and initial a second page.

Please complete the attached Affidavit, sign it in front of a Notary Public and return it to TBDC at the above address.

Sincerely.

Tina Cordova, Paul Pino, Bernice Gutierrez, Louisa Lopez, Livia Landrum, Joni Arends, Holly Beaumont  
Steering Committee members

AFFIDAVIT

The State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(name) (county) (state)

MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of person making  
the statement)

SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME,

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, year 20\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

Notary Public

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Consent form for New Mexico Downwinders

I consent to sharing my story with the Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium, with my full understanding and permission for them to use my story and identity in their advocacy efforts, which may include (but are not limited to) research, news stories, articles, etc.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT

The State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(name) (county) (state)

MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

We had cisterns to collect rain water. These structures were in place since the early 1900's and are still there today. Rain water was used more for drinking because it was more precious. We used well water to wash clothes. Two pails of rain water, drinking water, were placed on the counter in the kitchen and it was not to be used for anything else besides drinking or cooking. Sometimes we would sneak rain water to wash our hair and face as it made our hair feel real soft. Rain water was precious. We used well water to bath all the kids (all the kids used the same bath water, none was to be wasted). We ate lots of beans and they were always cooked in rain water because it improved the taste. My mother died of bone cancer, my brother died of stomach cancer, my sister has survived thyroid cancer, and another sister has survived brain tumors twice. Nora Pino, 8 miles east of Carrizozo New Mexico.

**SAMPLE**

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