


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 Alex G. Chavez

Sign Name 

Date October 13, 2020

In 1945, I was 10 years old living in Tularosa, New Mexico. I remember July 16, 1945. I was asleep when the bomb went off – the whole house shook – I thought our windows were going to break. My Dad was outside doing his chores as we always had a garden that we ate from and livestock that we raised to eat. I ran outside to see what happened and if my Dad was ok as we were all scared to death. We lived very close to Tulie Creek so my Dad used this water for our garden.

We always had a cistern – that was the only water we had. We used this water to drink and wash with and my Mother used it to cook. No one ever told us not to drink it – No one ever told us anything about the bomb. Period. Up until the time my Mother passed, she would still catch the rain water that came off the roof of her home to cook beans as that was how she always cooked them.

I had skin cancer, my Mother was diagnosed with Breast Cancer, my brother Ernest died of Lung Cancer, two of my daughters were diagnosed with Breast Cancer – one at the age of 34 (Annie) and the other at the age of 40 (Andrea). Annie died when she was 38. My other two daughters have had issues w/ tumors in their breasts as well. My sister Cecilia and her daughter have thyroid problems.

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The State of New Mexico

County of Otero

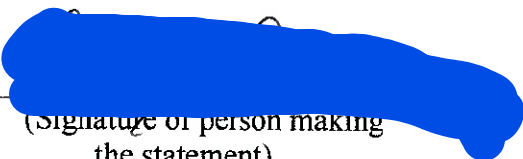
I, Alex G. Chavez of Otero, New Mexico
(name) (county) (state)

MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

see attached


STATE OF New Mexico

COUNTY OF Otero


(Signature of person making the statement)

SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME,

on the 13th day of October, 2020

Signature:  (Seal)
Notary Public
My Commission expires: 8/29/2022

