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The State of New Mexico

County of Bernalillo

I, Susan J. Garduño, of Bernalillo County, NM, MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

My mother, Maxine D. Gonzales, was born and raised in El Porvenir, NM. This rural area is approximately 14 miles northwest of Las Vegas, NM, San Miguel County. She did not have access to city water nor well water until about the mid-1960s when the family moved to Las Vegas, NM.

My mother used a cistern to collect rainwater and depended on river water for drinking, cooking, bathing, and laundering. The cistern that my mother used was built in the mid-1940s and still exists today although we no longer use it.

Maxine had miscarriages throughout her childbearing age, had one stillbirth (Juan), and our oldest sister (Veroniz) also born in the mid-1940s only lived 6 months; all while living in a cabin in El Porvenir, NM. She called upon the local midwife for help with childbirth and healthcare.

We, her children, never understood why she was diagnosed with cancer since she never smoked. She led a healthy lifestyle, was physically active, had a good diet, and was not overweight. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1971 and had a total mastectomy, left side. She underwent chemotherapy and was later diagnosed with lung cancer which resulted in the cause of her death.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT [Redacted Signature]

STATE OF New Mexico

COUNTY OF Bernalillo

SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME,  
On the 21 day of October, 2020.

Signature: [Redacted Signature] (Seal)

Notary Public

My Commission expires: 2-25-22



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 SUSAN J. GARDUÑO ON BEHALF OF MAXINE D. GONZALES

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

Date 10/21/20 \_\_\_\_\_