



## A YEAR IN REVIEW 2018

# McKinley Collaborative for Health Equity

December 2018

### International Uranium Film Festival 2018



On November 29 to December 31, we were honored to be a part of the International Uranium Film Festival. To raise awareness around the nuclear fuel chain uranium legacy in staff from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and elected officials. We walked to the historical spill site to hear about the history of the 1979 Church Rock Tailings Spill. We returned to Red Water Pond Road and heard stories of peoples experience in addressing the social, economic and health impacts of uranium mining and milling in McKinley County.

*It was a powerful day! Please plan to join us next year!*



White Mesa Ute delegation



Libbe with Nuclear HOT Seat

## Vision Statement

Our vision is all people in McKinley County will live in a safe, healthy, and prosperous environment that honors health in all policies and leaves a legacy of responsible leadership grounded in equity.

# Expanding Our Work

Over the last year, we have strengthened our relationship with the Red Water Pond Road Community and other organizational partners addressing the devastation around the uranium legacy in the Northwest region. We are working closely with the Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment, Conservation Voters of New Mexico Education Fund, and New Mexico Environmental Law Center to move forward the implementation of the health impact assessment and raise awareness about the health consequences of the uranium legacy. We are part of a coalition to assist in creating the **McKinley County Blue Ribbon Task Force**.

Rainbow Naatsiilid Program, lead by Stella Martin, which focuses on increasing awareness and visibility about the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning community. This program offers educational trainings, workshops for community members, and honors the work of local leaders advocating for the LGBTQ community.

We also co-sponsored Gallup Pride this year, which was attended by over 200 people from the surrounding area.



Partnership Statewide Meeting U

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Assisted with Wage Theft public presentations and rallies with Somos Gallup and McKinley Worker Justice Coalition and the Poor Peoples Campaign.
- Completed Looking Within: A Health Impact Assessment on Uranium Mining.
- Actively planned and engaged in the Statewide Health Equity Gathering October 2018 in Espanola NM
- Co-Produced the International Uranium Film Festival 2018 Window Rock
- Planning for Community Capacity Building Training Series with RWPRCA
- Supported Gallup Pride September 2018





# Health Impact Assessment

In April 2015, we completed Looking Within: A Health Impact Assessment on Uranium Mining. We appreciate the collaboration of partners to make this report possible.

Here are a few key findings from our HIA:

- Suggested higher levels of lung cancer, kidney disease and other chronic conditions for occupational and non-occupational people.
- High likelihood that more residents will move to temporary housing during cleanup activities.
- Lack of trust with decision-makers due to the long history of dishonesty by the U.S. government and from feelings of injustice.
- Navajo people want to achieve balance and harmony between humans and nature, and uranium mining would be disrupting the balance.

We are very excited to have the President elect Jonathan Nez to invite us to prepare a film screening in Congress and Senate in 2019/2020.

We will coordinate with the impacted communities and have legislation to address the uranium legacy on Navajo lands.

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# On the Horizon

Our partner and fiscal agent **NM Social Justice and Equity Institute** has been active within our county and region for over two years. During the course of these years, we have decided to become a nonprofit organization to continue advancing health equity in our region.

We are delighted to have our Board of Directors from the local area and deeply committed to elevating the voices and building the capacity of community members in educating decision-makers about equitable policies.

Please join us in welcoming the following Board of Directors:

Emerson Toledo – Chair  
Tammi Moe – Vice-Chair  
Percy Anderson– Secretary/Treasurer

Given this exciting new development, we will be joining the Rio Grande Community Development Corporation-Division Social Innovation and Non-Profit Community (SINC) out of Albuquerque NM, to serve as our administrative arm for financial reporting and increased funding opportunities. We are looking at social enterprise development to sustain the work and build more Community Change Makers.

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