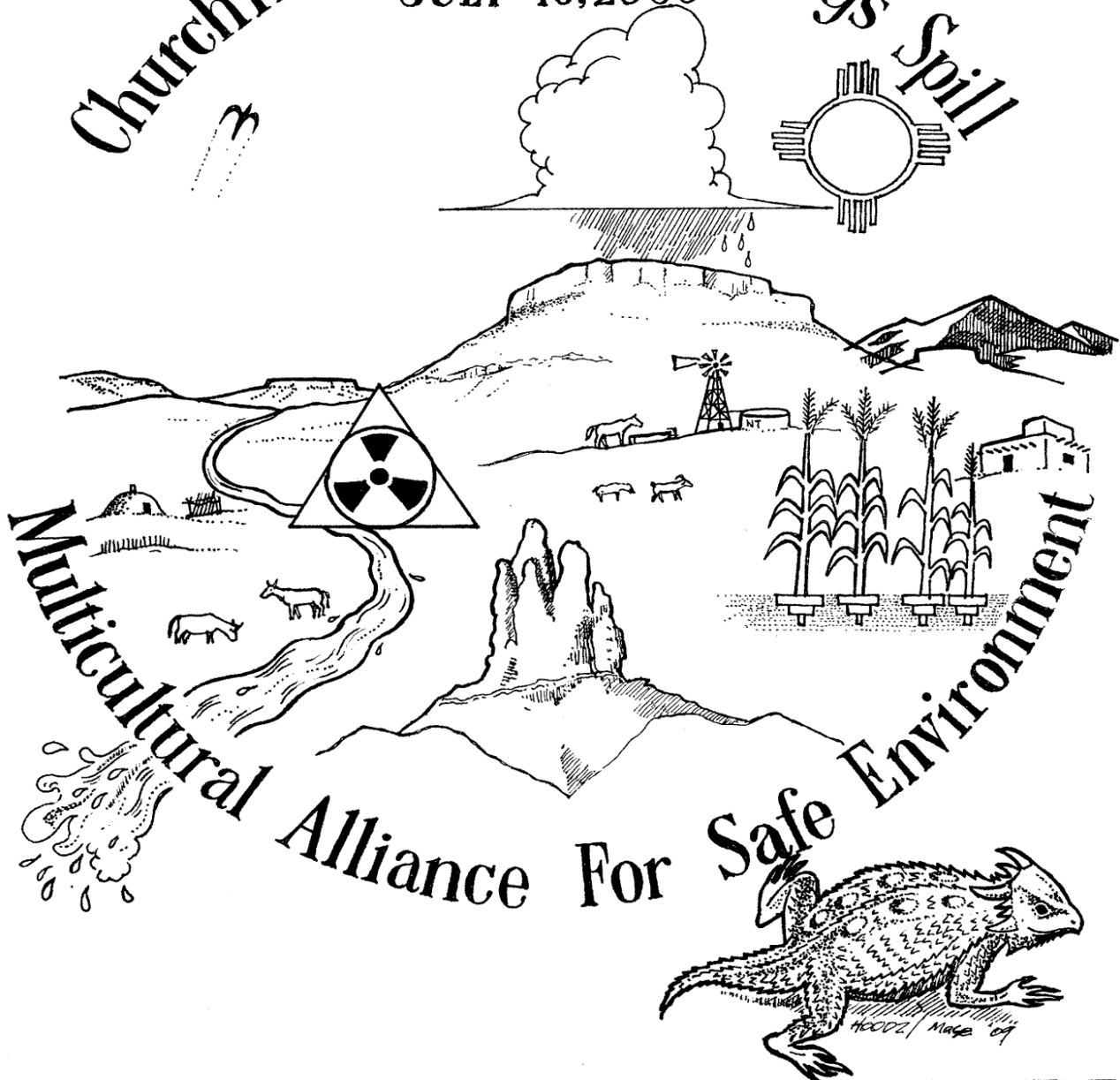


30th Anniversary Commemoration of the Church Rock Uranium Tailings Spill

JULY 16, 2009



July 16th, 7 am to 9 pm, Churchrock NM

- ◆ 7-11 am — Prayer Walk on Hwy. 566 in Remembrance of Communities Affected by the July 16, 1979 Tailings Spill
- ◆ 11 am - Noon — Commemoration Proclamation and Reaffirmation of the Navajo Nation's Uranium Mining Ban
- ◆ 12:15 - 2:30 pm — Luncheon at Churchrock Chapter
- ◆ 5 - 9 pm — Uranium Films and Panel Discussion at Calvin Hall, UNM Gallup Campus

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Co-Sponsors

Churchrock Chapter, Coyote Canyon Chapter, Crownpoint Wellness Center, Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance, Dineh Bidziil Coalition, Eastern Navajo Diné Against Uranium Mining, Laguna Acoma Coalition for a Safe Environment, Post-71 Uranium Workers Committee, SAGE Council, Sierra Club Environmental Justice Office, Southwest Research and Information Center

Agenda for July 16, 2009 30th Anniversary Commemoration

- 7 am Opening prayer at the residence of Teddy Nez, 29E Red Water Pond Road.
Registration for health walk will be conducted by Crownpoint Wellness Center.
- 8 am Begin health walk from Nez residence to site of spill on State Route 566. (See rules and procedures for participating in walk below.)
- 9 am Arrive at the spill site at south end of UNC uranium mill tailings impoundment on SR 566, approximately 10 miles north of Church Rock village. Prayer for health and remarks from community members about the spill and the path of contamination.
- 10 am Walk continues south on SR 566 three miles to King Ranch at intersection of SR 566 and Old Churchrock Mine Road.
- 11 am Proclamation of commemoration and press conference on lands of the families of the late Howard King.
- Welcome, Larry J. King, rancher and MASE/ENDAUM member
The Hon. Joe Shirley, Jr., President of the Navajo Nation (*invited*)
The Hon. Lawrence Morgan, Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council (*invited*)
The Hon. George Arthur, chairman of the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council (*invited*)
Statements of Solidarity by representatives of the MASE Core Groups
- 12:15 to 2:30 pm
Recognition Luncheon at Churchrock Chapter House (Old Rt. 66 and SR 566)
- 5-9 pm Uranium Films and Panel Discussion, Calvin Hall Auditorium, UNM Gallup Campus
Commemorative t-shirts will be available for sale.

Directions and Parking

From Interstate 40 (Exit 33 on the east or Exit 26 on the west), take the north frontage road, Old Route 66, to State Route 566. On SR 566, travel north 11.5 miles to Red Water Pond Road. Turn right (north) on Red Water Pond Road and take the first left turn across the cattle guard to the Nez residence, 29E Red Water Pond Road. Parking for the 7 a.m. prayer and registration for the health walk will be next to the Nez residence.

For people joining the walk at the spill site at 9 a.m., take SR 566 from Old Rt. 66 at Church Rock Village 7 miles to the intersection of SR 566 and Old Churchrock Mine Road. A parking area will be available next to the King Ranch gate at this location. A shuttle van will take walkers to the spill site on SR 566 across from the UNC mill at 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Parking will NOT be permitted on SR 566 at the spill site. The van will also be available to take walkers back to the Nez residence at the end of the walk. Walkers will be accompanied by a law enforcement escort and a shuttle van for anyone who needs assistance or a ride during the walk.

Rules and Procedures for the Health Walk

The health walk commemorating the Church Rock Tailings Spill will be a peaceful and healing event in remembrance of the people and communities affected by the spill. Please, no drugs or alcohol. Walkers MUST register at either the start of the walk at the Nez Residence at 7 a.m., or at the spill site on SR 566 at 9 a.m. Walkers should wear comfortable walking shoes and wide-brimmed hats, and have plenty of sunscreen. Walkers may bring their own water (in plastic containers only), but PLEASE DO NOT DISCARD empty bottles (or any other trash) along the sides of the highway. Despite the past impacts of uranium mining in the area, we want to respect the land and local residents. Fruit and water will be provided for the walkers. Walkers may bring their own healthy snacks (fruit or granola bars, veggies). Commemorative T-shirts will be handed out at the end of the walk at the King Ranch.

Donations to help cover the costs of this event are greatly appreciated.