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**2020 Commemorations & Stop the New Nuclear Arms Race Events**

**Mark your calendar and join us!**

Revised March 5, 2020 – A listing of acronyms available at end

**Th. Mar. 5 Uranium Public Hearings** of the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council about the ongoing abandoned uranium mine clean-up position and policy development priorities. The Committee would like to hear from Navajo community members and workers that have been impacted by the mining, transport, processing, and proximity of uranium ore mining operations in the Navajo Nation’s history. The first hearing will be held at the South Campus Lecture Hall, **Diné College, Shiprock, NM,** beginning at 9 am. For more information, contact the Office of the Speaker at (928) 871-7160.

**Fri. Mar. 6 Uranium Public Hearings at Navajo Technical College, Crownpoint, NM.** See first entry above for more information.

**Tues. Mar. 10** Deliver signed programmatic EIS (PEIS) before LANL site-wide EIS (SWEIS) petitions to Senators Udall and Heinrich and Representative Lujan and then to Governor Lujan Grisham. Meet at 2 pm at St. Francis statute at the corner of Marcy & Lincoln (Santa Fe City Hall). Download the petition, gather signatures and bring them with you. <http://nuclearactive.org/>

**Wed. Mar. 11** Public comments due to NMED about groundwater discharge permit (DP-1481) for URENCO, a uranium enrichment facility located near Eunice, NM and the NM/TX border. Short fact sheet and sample public comment letter will be available soon at <http://nuclearactive.org/>

**Fri. Mar. 13 Uranium Public Hearings at To Be Announced (TBA), Chinle, AZ.** See first entry above for more information.

**Sat. Mar. 14 Uranium Public Hearings at To Be Announced (TBA), Tuba City Chapter, AZ.** See previous entry for more information.

**Sun. Mar. 15 Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium Third Annual Fundraiser** at the National Hispanic Cultural Center from 1 to 5 pm. Music, food, silent auction, raffle tickets, fun! <https://www.trinitydownwinders.com/>

**Tues. Mar. 31** Public comments due to EPA about LANL’s Individual Stormwater Permit and Industrial Wastewater Permit (outfalls). Sample public comment letters will be available soon at <http://nuclearactive.org/>

**End of March** NRC draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for proposed **Holtec Consolidated Interim Storage Facility (CISF)** in NM to be released for public review and comment. Public hearings will be held throughout NM.

 NMED comments about the proposed CISF on NRC website: <https://adamswebsearch2.nrc.gov/webSearch2/main.jsp?AccessionNumber=ML20065K031>

**Sat. Apr. 4** Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium (TBDC) peaceful demonstrations at the openings of Trinity Site at Tularosa Gate (8 – 9 am) and Stallion Gate (9 am – 1 pm) <https://www.trinitydownwinders.com/>

**Tue. Apr. 14** **Roswell, NM** - NRC public hearing for Holtec DEIS Consolidated Interim Storage Facility. Details to follow.

**Wed. Apr. 15 Hobbs, NM** - NRC public hearing for Holtec DEIS Consolidated Interim Storage Facility. Details to follow.

**Th. Apr. 16 Carlsbad, NM** - NRC public hearing for Holtec DEIS Consolidated Interim Storage Facility. Details to follow.

**Sun. Apr. 19 – Wed. Apr. 22 • 32nd Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (ANA) DC Days** in Washington, DC. Join ANA as we voice our concerns about nuclear weapons, power, and waste to key congressional offices, administration offices, and the media. Youth scholarships available. <http://www.ananuclear.org/>

**Wed. Apr. 22 – Sun. Apr. 26 •** **Taos Environmental Film Festival –** Apr. 22 will be at SOMOS (Society of the Muse of the Southwest). Apr. 23 – 26 will be at the Taos Community Auditorium. For more information, contact jeanstevens@hotmail.com

**Mon. Apr. 27 – Fri. May 22 • 2020 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference** at the United Nations in New York. <https://meetings.unoda.org/meeting/conf-npt-2020/>

**Tue. May 5 Albuquerque, NM** - NRC public hearing for Holtec DEIS Consolidated Interim Storage Facility. Details to follow.

**Wed. May 6 Gallup, NM** - NRC public hearing for Holtec DEIS Consolidated Interim Storage Facility. Details to follow.

**Fri. May 22 – Mon. May 25 •** Stop the New Nuclear Arms Race, Maryville, TN. <http://nukewatchinfo.org/stop_new_nuclear_arms_race/>

**May** NRC draft environmental impact statement for proposed **Waste Control Specialists/Interim Storage Partners/Orano Consolidated Interim Storage Facility** covering the NM/TX border released for public review and comment.

**Sat**. **June 13 2020 Presentations** from 6:30 – 8 pm at the Methodist Church, 1300 Girard NE, Albuquerque. Stay tuned for more details.

**Wed. July 15 – 16 • The Gospel of Nonviolent Love:  Vigil for Universal Nonviolence**

at the Trinity Site. <http://www.vigilforuniversalnonviolence.org/>

**Sat. July 18** • Candlelight Vigil for those who have died or live with cancer from over exposure to radiation from the July 16, 1945 Trinity test at the Tularosa Little League Field. <https://www.trinitydownwinders.com/>

• Commemoration of the July 16, 1979 Church Rock Uranium Spill. <https://swuraniumimpacts.org/>

**July** Hazardous waste permit renewal applications due to the NMED from LANL and WIPP beginning administrative permitting processes for both facilities. The permits are for 10 years.

**Wed. Aug. 5 •** Veterans for Peace National Convention, Aug. 5 – 9, Albuquerque and Los Alamos, NM. <https://www.veteransforpeace.org/>

 **•** Upaya Zen Center “Bearing Witness Memorial Sesshin: Marking the 75th Year Since the Nuclear Bombings,” Aug. 5 – 10, Santa Fe and Los Alamos, NM. <https://www.upaya.org/>

**Th. Aug. 6** **Coordinated activities in Los Alamos, from 4 - 8 pm**

* 4 pm - Sackcloth and ashes silent contemplative sitting to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima, followed by a silent procession around Ashley Pond
* 5 pm – Rally at Main Stage with speakers, poets, and musicians
* 8 pm - A lit candle will float on the pond in solidarity with the people of Hiroshima

**Fri. Aug. 7 – Sat. Aug. 8 • Campaign Nonviolence National Conference,** Hotel Albuquerque, NM. <https://paceebene.org/>

**Sat. Aug. 8 PaxChristi Conference** from 7 to 9 pm at the Hotel Albuquerque, NM. <https://paxchristiusa.org/>

**Sun. Aug. 9 Coordinated activities in Los Alamos, from 11 am – 3 pm**

* 11 am – Sackcloth and ashes silent contemplative sitting at Ashley Pond to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Nagasaki, followed by a silent procession around Ashley Pond
* Noon – 3 pm – Rally at Main Stage with speakers, poets and musicians

**Late Sept. Early Oct.** • **Tewa Women United Gathering for Mother Earth.** <http://tewawomenunited.org/>

**Sat. Oct. 3** Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium (TBDC) peaceful demonstrations at the openings of Trinity Site at Tularosa Gate (8 – 9 am) and Stallion Gate (9 am – 1 pm) <https://www.trinitydownwinders.com/>

**ACRONYMS**

CISF Consolidated Interim Storage Facility (for high-level radioactive waste)

DEIS draft Environmental Impact Statement

DOE Department of Energy, a federal agency

EIS Environmental Impact Statement

EPA Environmental Protection Agency, a federal agency

LANL Los Alamos National Laboratory, a DOE/NNSA facility

NMED New Mexico Environment Department

NNSA National Nuclear Security Administration, a federal semi-autonomous agency

NRC Nuclear Regulatory Commission, a federal agency

WIPP Waste Isolation **Pilot** Plant, a DOE facility