**75th Commemoration Events for Trinity, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Media and Upcoming Public Comment Opportunities**

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**Upcoming Webinars/Zooms/Live Events/Create Art**

Due Sun. 8/30 Manhattan Project National Historical Park – Messages of Peace. You are invited to “submit an origami crane with your personal message of peace written on its wings. These cranes will be saved in a time capsule and opened in 2045 on the 100th anniversary of the atomic bombings. The park may also share these messages of peace to foster dialogue about the complex and fraught legacies of the Manhattan Project.” <https://www.nps.gov/mapr/learn/historyculture/messages-of-peace.htm>

Aug thru Sept. Los Alamos will be commemorating “milestone dates of international importance, in which Los Alamos played a huge role,” said County Marketing Manager Kelly Stewart. <https://ladailypost.com/los-alamos-to-celebrate-milestone-wwii-anniversaries/>

Ongoing Hibakusha 1945 Project – “a journey by the resilient and brave survivors through the bombings in 1945 and onward through decades of advocacy to the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.” <https://www.icanw.org/hibakusha?utm_campaign=launch_hibakusha_longform&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ican>

Wed. 8/5/20 11 am – 3 pm MDT – U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board re: proposed Holtec consolidated “interim” storage facility for nuclear power plant high-level radioactive wastes. Hearing about Fasken Oil and Ranch/Permian Basin Land and Royalty Owners' contentions in opposition to the Holtec/ELEA consolidated interim storage facility. Call-in line is listen only at Bridge Number: 888-323-9889, Passcode: 9161122, but it will allow the public, as well as the media, to listen to the hearing in real time.

Th. 8/6/20  7:30 – 9:30 am. Austin, TX peace and nuclear disarmament activists will hold the “Never Again” banner on the 12th Street bridge over IH35.

Noon to 1 pm - The banner will appear on the 11th Street sidewalk in front of the Capitol.

 From 4 to 6 pm - banner on the Steck Avenue bridge over MOPAC.

For more information: Don Gardner - text only:  512-791-7616 and Rivamist Gardner-Murfin at 512-947-7881; Rivamist@gmail.com

Th. 8/6/20 6 pm MDT - Pace e Bene *75th Anniversary Hiroshima Day One-Hour Online Commemoration,* hosted by the New Mexico 75th Commemoration of Hiroshima/Nagasaki Committee and Pace e Bene. The speakers are: Roshi Joan Halifax, Buddhist teacher, Zen priest, anthropologist, and pioneer in the field of end-of-life care; Dr. Ira Helfand, member of the International Steering Committee of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons; Jay Coghlan, executive director of Nuclear Watch New Mexico; and Archbishop of Santa Fe, John Wester. The host will be the Reverend John Dear, priest, activist, and author of 35 books. CCNS is an organizer and co-sponsor of the event.

The webinar is free, but registration required. <https://paceebene.org/hiroshimaday2020>

8/6/20 6 pm MDT - Nuclear Issues Study Group -“We Are Not A Wasteland: Empowering Grassroots Resistance,” Episode 5: No More Hiroshimas! No More Churchrocks! Making Links to Break the Chain. <https://www.facebook.com/NuclearIssuesStudyGroup/>

8/6 - 8/9/20 #still here: 75 Years of Shared Nuclear Legacy. The organizers intend it to be “a creative, intersectional way to shine a spotlight on local events nationwide, to highlight the stories of survivors, to look toward the future of a world free from nuclear threats, and to amplify the voices of activists, experts and others beyond their typical audience.” Nine hours of virtual presentations each day. Check out the agenda at <https://www.hiroshimanagasaki75.org/>

8/6 – 8/9/20 Fasting around the world for nuclear disarmament! The message is: Nuclear disarmament must happen now! Join the Fast! Demand that your country signs the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons! <http://www.abolition2000.org/event/international-fast-for-nuclear-disarmament/> or email Dominique Lalanne, <do.lalanne@wanadoo.fr>

Fri. 8/7/20 6:30 – 8 pm EDT – *Hiroshima and Nagasaki Remembered,* hosted by Peace Action. Online event to commemoration the 75th anniversaries. Register here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/280463933404442>

Sat. 8/8 10:30 – 11 am. The Nuclear Free World Committee of the Dallas Peace and Justice Center will mark the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki with a brief ceremony at the Peace Farm, across from the Pantex Nuclear Weapons Plant near Amarillo.

For additional information, contact Lon Burnam, 817-721-5846, or Mavis Belisle, 469-792-5347.

Sun. 8/9 4 pm MDT - “The Bomb: Understanding its History and the Hope for a Nuclear-Free Future,” with James Nolan, author of *Atomic Doctors,* at City Lights Bookstore webinar. <http://www.citylights.com/info/?fa=event&event_id=3666>

Sun. 8/9 4 pm MDT - Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom USA (WILPF US) “ One Sunny Day, Remembering Hiroshima" [webinar](https://www.vtwilpfgathering.com/8-9-zoom) featuring author and Hiroshima survivor, Dr. Hideko Tamura Snider. <https://www.vtwilpfgathering.com/8-9-zoom>

And check out the WILPF US [75th Anniversary Timeline](https://www.vtwilpfgathering.com/timeline) to discover information about key events in 1945, which was the year both the United Nations and nuclear weapons were created.

**Print and Visual Media Coverage**

7/2/20 *Desert Exposure,* “Introducing the Atomic Age: The day the sun rose twice, 75 years ago,” [https://www.desertexposure.com/stories/introducing-the-atomic-age,4279](https://www.desertexposure.com/stories/introducing-the-atomic-age%2C4279)

7/11 – 7/13 “Report from Santa Fe” with Lorene Mills. *Tina Cordova, Co-founder, Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium (TBDC)* <http://reportfromsantafe.com/episodes/view/600/tina-cordova-co-founder-tularosa-basin-downwinders-consortium/>

7/12 – 7/13 *Albuquerque Journal* two-part series on the Manhattan Project and Its

 Legacy

7/13/20 Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, USA (WILPF US) sponsored webinar: "Radioactive New Mexico, From Trinity to Now.” <https://youtu.be/fvlx53SY_SI>

Wed. 7/15/20 *New York Times,* “’Now I Am Become Death’: The Legacy of the First Nuclear Bomb Test,” <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/15/us/trinity-test-anniversary.html>

Wed. 7/15/20 8 pm MDT - Int’l Campaign for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons webinar *After Trinity: 75 years of resistance* with Tina Cordova, TBDC.

<https://www.icanw.org/gem/after_trinity_75_years_of_resistance>

Th. 7/16/20 Official Trinity 75th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony at the Trinity Site at White Sands Missile Range. <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/759951/trinity-75th-anniversary-commemoration-ceremony>

7/16/20 *New York Times,* Opinion, “When America Bombed Itself,” by Joshua

Wheeler, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/15/opinion/75-anniversary-trinity-nuclear-testing.html?fbclid=IwAR2N4gaSa79wrxgP1STdcw1lo7g5oZR53N_FwUAhj3RYbqAUgrjOI-8sblE>

7/16/20 *Santa Fe New Mexican,* “Trinity’s atomic blast changed the world,” <https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local_news/trinitys-atomic-blast-changed-the-world/article_82610fe4-c5e4-11ea-a111-cb4b082b9ce7.html>

Th. 7/16 9 am MDT - *Trinity Downwinders: 75 Years and Still Waiting,* zoom event of the Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium

 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfmqI1cWiYfYKGIInjGjYRw/?guided_help_flow=5> and <https://www.trinitydownwinders.com/>

Th. 7/16/20 11 am MDT - Global Online Launch of the first *Uranium Atlas: Facts and Data about the Raw Material of the Atomic Age – Leave Uranium in the Ground. [www.rosalux.de/livestream](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001aqp4gknQg-tTX24pMW4I8nckUOBv7CzgAfHWkvRfKWcJaIVohTMFTDKoQEy-iB5Yhsg9DS83hSIEflXTqgf8B3BSD26jtkR6C8MHa3rwH4Pp3dej3F_6pZ_xzAyfoxhGe9l-kf6A5LWUmHuUSYzhkhr2XmpgXWFVuWTQsPvOTfkAttie9ffF7g==&c=iieDU3um7YN2gaNLnz5xMcrmIhqP_tbULI7B0SrKgwFz-ofYHTSzIQ==&ch=TCkslQ3HcGTNZfVatC_UBQZJ72AUFyMatLjVKld3TelTyy33TIRFPQ==" \t "_blank)*

Th. 7/16/20 6 pm MDT: Nuclear Information Study Group - We Are NOT A Wasteland! Episode 4: From Shinkolobwe to Tsankawi. This is a special webinar connecting uranium mining in Congo for the Manhattan Project to the Trinity Test and LANL. Guests zoomed in from Cape Town, South Africa, Kinshasa, and Rwanda and joined by Beata Tsosie-Pena, Tewa Women United, and Tina Cordova, Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium. <https://www.facebook.com/NuclearIssuesStudyGroup/>

Wed. 7/22/20 *Nuclear Hotseat Podcast* special edition – “Trinity A-Bomb at 75.” Tina Cordova, of the Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium, speaks about “Downwind of New Mexico’s ‘Dirty Bomb,’” and Joni Arends, of CCNS, asks the question, “Is New Mexico the USA’s Nuclear Sacrifice Zone?”

 <http://nuclearhotseat.com/2020/07/23/474-trinity-a-bomb-at-75-downwind-of-new-mexicos-dirty-bomb-tina-cordova-joni-arends/>

Fri. 7/24/20 AP: *Groups push to remove proposed funding for nuclear testing,* by Susan Montoya Bryan. <https://apnews.com/f4f7dae9ef81909150654b429f14c661>

Sat. 7/25/20 AP: *Downwinders hold out hope for money over radiation effects - a defense spending bill pending in Congress includes only an apology to New Mexicans, others affected by nuclear testing over decades,* by Susan Montoya Bryan. <https://www.santafenewmexican.com/search/?l=25&s=start_time&sd=desc&f=html&t=article%2Cvideo%2Cyoutube%2Ccollection&app=editorial&nsa=eedition&q=downwinders+hold+out+hope>

Sat. 7/25/20 KUNM 89.9 FM *Women's Focus* – Carol Boss interviews Laura Watchiempino and Joni Arends about the proposed expansion at WIPP.  The show ran from 1:37 pm to 2 pm and is accessible on the KUNM Archive at <https://www.kunm.org/two-week-archive>

Sat. 7/25/20 “What Every Global Citizen Needs to Know About the Decision to A-Bomb Hiroshima and Nagasaki,” presented by the Abolition 2000 Global Network to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons, with four historians–Gar Alperovitz, Martin Sherwin, Kai Bird, and Peter Kuznick–each of whom has written extensively on the topic. Internationally acclaimed poet Carolyn Forché moderated. <http://www.abolition2000.org/event/what-every-global-citizen-needs-to-know-about-the-decision-to-a-bomb-hiroshima-and-nagasaki/>

Mon. 7/27/20 KSFR 101.5 FM *WakeUp Call* – MK Mendoza interviews Cindy Weehler and Joni Arends about proposed expansion of WIPP. The show will be posted soon at <https://ksfrnews.libsyn.com/>

Tue. 7/28/20 at 10 am; Thursday 7/30 at 10 am and 8 pm and Sunday 8/2 at 10 am - on *Earth Matters* on KURU in Silver City, and KTAL in Las Cruces, with Allyson Siwik, of Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP). Tina Cordova, of TBDC, speaks about the Trinity Downwinders.  Joni Arends, of CCNS, speaks about the proposed expansion of WIPP and the Holtec and WCS/ISP proposals. <http://gmcr.org/earth-matters-tina-cordova-joni-arends/>

Tue. 7/28/20 KTRC 1490 AM - Richard Eeds interviews Joni Arends, of CCNS, about proposed expansion of WIPP and proposed Holtec site for high-level radioactive waste from nuclear power plants. <https://santafe.com/podcasts/joni-arends-of-concerned-citizens-for-nuclear-safety-on-wipp-holtec>

Sun. 8/2/20 Noon MDT - *Veterans for Peace Virtual 2020 Convention* (8/2/20 to 8/9/20) – Opening Plenary “The Nuclear Weapons Industry – Creating Victims – More Than 75 Years and Counting.” Scheduled speakers are: the Chief of Council of the Western Shoshone Nation and Spiritual Person, Chief Johnnie Bobb; the social practice artist and educator Yasuyo Tanaka; journalist and author in Kyoto, Japan, Toshiya Morita; and peace activist, Joni Arends, of CCNS. <https://vfp2020.attendease.com/>

**Get Involved! Upcoming Public Comment Deadlines**

Tue. 8/11 Comments due to NM Environment Department to stop the new shaft and expansion at WIPP. Sample public comments available at <http://nuclearactive.org/>

Mon. 8/17 Comments due to NM Environment Department about the scope of the Triennial Review of New Mexico’s Water Quality Standards. <https://www.env.nm.gov/surface-water-quality/2020-triennial-review/>

 For more information: <https://www.amigosbravos.org/> and <https://gilaresources.info/wp/>

Fri. 8/21 Comments due to NM Environment Department about the Clean Air Act

 Title V permit for Los Alamos National Laboratory. <https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/public-notices-of-permitting-actions/> *see* 7/21/20 Public Notice for U.S. DOE/NNSA/LANL and Application

 For more information: <http://nuclearactive.org/>

Th. 9/10/20 Comments due to NM Environment Department about the Clean Water Act 303d/305b lists. [https://www.env.nm.gov/surface-water-quality/303d-305b/](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA3MjcuMjQ5MTcwNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lbnYubm0uZ292L3N1cmZhY2Utd2F0ZXItcXVhbGl0eS8zMDNkLTMwNWIvIn0.2pX5PKNksZoceF-FH7pw1kR90kJJAZS_4sVWPybrEfg/s/519245826/br/81528021000-l) For more information: <https://www.amigosbravos.org/> and <https://gilaresources.info/wp/>

Tue. 9/22/20 Comments due to Nuclear Regulatory Commission about the draft environmental impact statement for Holtec International. <https://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/cis/holtec-international.html>

 For more information: <http://www.beyondnuclear.org/> , <https://www.nirs.org/> , <http://www.seedcoalition.org/>

Wed. 10/21 Comments due to Nuclear Regulatory Commission about “Very Low-Level Radioactive Waste.” <https://www.nirs.org/> , <https://www.committeetobridgethegap.org/>

Tue. 11/3/20 Comments due to Nuclear Regulatory Commission about the draft environmental impact statement for Waste Control Specialists/Interim Storage Partners. <https://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/cis/waste-control-specialist.html> For more information: <http://www.beyondnuclear.org/> , <https://www.nirs.org/> , <http://www.seedcoalition.org/>