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The State of New Mexico

County of Otero

I, G. J. Tucker of Otero, New Mexico,  
(name) (county) (state)

MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT: I was born in Jelerosa, Otero County, New Mexico in 1940 and have resided in the Jelerosa Basin, Otero County, North and Northwest of Jelerosa. Most of my life having been raised on a ranch North and Northwest of Jelerosa and west of Three Rivers, Otero County, New Mexico.

I remember the morning the Atomic Bomb was exploded in 1945. The sky lit up as though it was daytime. No body knew what had happened at that time. There were a lot of inquiries among the residents, but no body knew anything.

at that time there were few wells that were drilled or dug. The ones that were used were small and used for crops and livestock mostly. There were cisterns at most homes. The cistern caught rainwater that came off the roof of the house when it rained. The cistern was usually dug in the ground and had a cover over it. But the rain water drained off the roof through down pipes. The cover kept mud, trash and debris from entering the cistern.

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[Redacted Signature]  
(Signature of person making the statement)

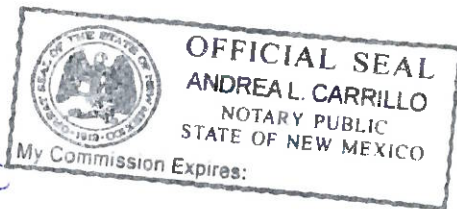
SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME,

on the 2nd day of October, 2020

Signature: [Redacted Signature]

Notary Public

My Commission expires: 01/25/2024



The rain water ran off the roof and into the cistern and the water was drawn out with a rope and bucket, usually.

Some times some of the residents of Jalisco would use water out of the irrigation ditches which ran through Jalisco and was uncovered, there was ~~the~~ come down Jalisco Creek. They used this water to assist in washing clothes, bathing and maybe on their garden used grow vegetables to eat. They also raised cows, hogs, sheep and goats to eat. The cows were milked for the milk and butter. The animals were fed from the crops grown outside that could have been contaminated.

I personally had family members that died from cancer. My Dad Roy Tucker died of pancreatic cancer. An Uncle Ray Smith and his son and daughter died from cancer, another cousin died from cancer. I had another Aunt ~~that~~ that died and two of her daughters survived cancer.

My wife and her twin sister died of lung cancer along with their brother and older sister.

There was also a lot of Lung problems.

My mother died with breathing problems, her mother died with lung problems. My Aunt has lung and breathing problems now. These women never smoked but did breathe a lot of dust off the roads and in the law pens and working laws. A lot of the Comboys drove Cattle across country and breathed dust from the heads.

Does anyone know how long the contaminants stay in the pond or in anyone's body?

Why is there such a high rate of cancer and Lung problems in this area?


After seventy five years, I am developing respiratory problems. I am currently seeing doctors.

This affidavit is from my own memories and experience.

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 G. L. Tucker

Sign Name 

Date 10-1-2020