

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REGARDING MONTICELLO
MILL TAILINGS SITE**

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

House Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges the federal government to take action to ensure continued funding of cancer education, screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ urges the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to instruct the Health Resources and Services Administration to fund cancer education, screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure until 2044 or until another equitable resolution can be reached through the United States Department of Energy;
- ▶ urges Utah's congressional delegation to help provide federal resources to ensure cancer education, screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure through 2044;
- ▶ urges the United States Attorney General's Office to investigate the United States Department of Energy's federal statutory limitations in providing cancer education, screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure and offer suggestions for federal legislation;
- ▶ urges the Office of the Utah Attorney General to investigate the inclusion of victims



28 of mill tailings exposure in the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program
29 Act and their inclusion in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act for their onsite
30 participation and exposure to radiation from the uranium mill and its tailings; and

31 ▶ urges the United States Congress to direct the Office of Legacy Management to
32 provide from its budget an annual stipend for victims of mill tailings exposure to
33 use in establishing a consistent screening, educational, and treatment program.

34 **Special Clauses:**

35 None

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Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

37 WHEREAS, the Rural Health Care Services Grant Program Outreach, a federally
38 funded project providing cancer education, screening, and treatment services to those who are
39 victims of mill tailings exposure, resulted in the diagnosis of 39 new cancers and 32 cases of
40 precancerous polyps;

41 WHEREAS, funding has been exhausted and program activities halted, pending
42 continued federal support;

43 WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services should instruct
44 the Health Resources and Services Administration to fund cancer education, screening, and
45 treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure until 2044, or until another equitable
46 resolution can be reached through the United States Department of Energy;

47 WHEREAS, the assistance of Utah's congressional delegation would help provide
48 federal resources to ensure cancer education, screening, and treatment services to victims of
49 mill tailings exposure through 2044;

50 WHEREAS, the United States Attorney General's Office should investigate the United
51 States Department of Energy's federal statutory limitations in providing cancer education,
52 screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure and offer suggestions for
53 federal legislation;

54 WHEREAS, the Office of the Utah Attorney General should investigate the inclusion of
55 victims of mill tailings exposure in the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation
56 Program Act, which provides medical benefits to workers, contractors, subcontractors, and
57 vendors at specified Department of Energy facilities;

59 WHEREAS, the Office of the Utah Attorney General should investigate the inclusion of
60 victims of mill tailings exposure in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act for their onsite
61 participation and exposure to radiation from the uranium mill and its tailings; and

62 WHEREAS, the United States Congress should direct Legacy Management to provide
63 from its budget an annual stipend for victims of mill tailings exposure to use in establishing a
64 consistent cancer education, screening, and treatment services program:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
66 Governor concurring therein, urge the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services
67 to instruct the Health Resources and Services Administration to fund cancer education,
68 screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure until 2044 or until another
69 equitable resolution can be reached through the United States Department of Energy.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge Utah's
71 congressional delegation to help provide federal resources to ensure cancer education,
72 screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure through 2044.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the United
74 States Attorney General's Office to investigate the United States Department of Energy's
75 federal statutory limitations in providing cancer education, screening, and treatment services to
76 victims of mill tailings exposure and offer suggestions for federal legislation.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the Office of
78 the Utah Attorney General to investigate the inclusion of victims of mill tailings exposure in
79 the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act and their inclusion in
80 the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act for their onsite participation and exposure to
81 radiation from the uranium mill and its tailings.

82 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the United
83 States Congress to direct Legacy Management to provide from its budget an annual stipend for
84 victims of mill tailings exposure to use in establishing a consistent cancer education, screening,
85 and treatment services program.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Victims of Mill
87 Tailings Exposure, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
88 States House of Representatives, the Office of Legacy Management, the Office of the Utah
89 Attorney General, the United States Attorney General's Office, the United States Department of

90 Energy, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Health Resources and
91 Services Administration, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

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