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Introduction

- NCAC The Native Community Action Council (NCAC) is a grassroots organization of Western Shoshone and Southern Paiute peoples.
- A common need to address the adverse human health impacts known to be plausible from exposure to ionizing radiation.
Topics of Discussion

- NCAC History
- Board Members
- Activities
NCAC History

- The NCAC operated as a project of Citizen Alert as the Nuclear Risk Management For Native Communities.
- One of the first collaborative research projects to receive Federal funding with research scientists from Clark University.
NCAC History cont’d.

- The NRMNC project was expanded to include 13 Western Shoshone and Southern Paiute communities downwind from the NTS.
- In 2000 adopted formal articles of incorporation, non-profit incorporation in the State of Nevada and IRS 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt status.
NCAC Board

- Margene Bullcreek, Skull Valley Goshute; Calvin Meyers, Moapa Southern Paiute; Laura Saunders, Yomba Shoshone; Maurice Churchill-Frank, Yomba Shoshone; Grace Goad, Timbisha Shoshone; Pauline Esteves, Timbisha Shoshone; Heidi Blackeye, Duckwater Shoshone; Ian Zabarte, Duckwater Shoshone; Elanore Tom, Cedar City Paiute.

- Peter Ford is a Research Advisor.
Accomplishments

- a) Tribal community social and economic profiles;
- b) Tribal community oral histories;
- c) Family health histories;
- d) GIS maps and relational data base;
- e) Tribal community outreach, curriculum and education modules to explain what happened to them;
- f) Training of trainers and first responders; and,
- g) Transfer of technology to grassroots stakeholders.
Research

- The Assessment of Radiation Exposure in Native American Communities from Nuclear Weapons Testing in Nevada.
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Lessons Learned

- DOSE
- LIFESTYLE
- COLLABORATION
- EXPOSURE PATHWAYS
NCAC Priorities

- Professional fiscal, financial and administrative management.
- Work areas of the organization that address past exposure, present hazards and future threats to Native American communities.
- Conduct research, outreach communication and education to at risk and vulnerable communities.
NCAC Future

- Nuclear Issues Campaign
- Public Outreach
- Community education.
- Institutional knowledge and youth education.
Conclusion

- We have much work to do and we are willing to use our experience to achieve a better world for all our future generations.
NCAC Priorities con’t

- Future hazards require tribal community awareness to threats.
- Insuring tribal communities have the tools for monitoring threats.
- Communication of options and health remedies.
- Health screening for illness.
- Preparedness planning and impact mitigation are healing processes.