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My name is Mary Martinez White; I was born and raised in Tularosa and currently live in Las Cruces. I'm a downwinder and a member of Tularosa Basin Downwinder Consortium. The following is information related to my family's story.

At the time of the Trinity atomic bomb test my parents and five of my siblings were living in Carrizozo.

Of our family of seven, six were outwardly affected.

My Mother died of cancer.

My oldest sister died of cancer.

One living sister survived breast cancer.

Four siblings who were living at the time of the atomic bomb test have a muscular degenerative autoimmune disease.

Of our first cousins, three siblings and their parents lived in Carrizozo at the time of the test (the Pino family).

Of this family of five, four were affected.

My aunt died of cancer.

My oldest male cousin died of stomach cancer.

My oldest female cousin survived thyroid cancer.

And one female cousin has brain tumor which so far is not thought to be cancerous.

Of our second cousins, eight siblings and their parents lived in Capitan at the time of the test (the Peralta family).

Of this family of ten, nine were affected.

The father who was outside in a corral at the time of the blast, died of skin and eye cancer. All eight children got cancer; seven died of various cancers and the one survived cancer.

The Trinity atomic test brought hardship and distress to the peaceful inhabitants of New Mexico. It's time we formally acknowledged that.

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