

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REGARDING MONTICELLO**

2 **MILL TAILINGS SITE**

3 2013 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins**

6 House Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

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

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This resolution:

15 ▶ urges the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to instruct the
16 Health Resources and Services Administration to fund cancer education, screening,
17 and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure until 2044 or until
18 another equitable resolution can be reached through the United States Department
19 of Energy;

20 ▶ urges Utah's congressional delegation to help provide federal resources to ensure
21 cancer education, screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings
22 exposure through 2044;

23 ▶ urges the United States Attorney General's Office to investigate the United States
24 Department of Energy's federal statutory limitations in providing cancer education,
25 screening, and treatment services to victims of mill tailings exposure and offer
26 suggestions for federal legislation;

27 ▶ 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
29 Compensation Program Act and their inclusion in the Radiation Exposure

30 Compensation Act for their onsite participation and exposure to radiation from the uranium
31 mill and its tailings; and

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

35 **Special Clauses:**

36 None



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

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

43 WHEREAS, funding has been exhausted and program activities halted, pending
44 continued federal support;

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

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

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

56 WHEREAS, the Office of the Utah Attorney General should investigate the inclusion of
57 victims of mill tailings exposure in the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation

58 Program Act, which provides medical benefits to workers, contractors, subcontractors, and
59 vendors at specified Department of Energy facilities;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

86 and treatment services program.

87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Victims of Mill
88 Tailings Exposure, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
89 States House of Representatives, the Office of Legacy Management, the Office of the Utah
90 Attorney General, the United States Attorney General's Office, the United States Department of
91 Energy, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Health Resources and
92 Services Administration, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.