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Developing Energy Resources • Creating Sustainable Jobs • Honoring Indigenous Beliefs  
*A Photo Journal Exhibit through an American Indian and Canadian Aboriginal Cultural Lens*



*You are Invited to the Photo Journal Exhibit*  
Photographs by Earl Dotter, Concept & Interviews by Cindy A. Beemel

**THE OPENING EVENT, AT THE UC DENVER  
NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL NATIVE AMERICAN BUILDING  
SATURDAY, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2010  
6 pm - 8 pm, at the Anschutz Medical Campus**

**NE Corner of East 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Aurora Court, Aurora, Colorado 80045**

The exhibit will move to the American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Exhibition (AIHCE) in Denver on May 24th.  
ATHA exhibit opening sponsored by the ATHA Social Concerns Committee.

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and the University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus Office of Diversity and Inclusion  
with Project Support from Earl Dotter and Cindy A. Beemel

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# *Vision Intention / Intersecting Points of Focus*

- *To highlight the important role Native American and Aboriginal workers have in conventional energy production, sustainable energy development and green job creation on tribal lands in the US and Canada*
- *To raise awareness about OH & S and environmental health professional opportunities available to Native American and Aboriginal workers*
- *To highlight culturally relevant approaches to health, safety, and the environment to enhance a continuous learning process and dialogue between indigenous and non-indigenous groups*

# Southern Ute Drum

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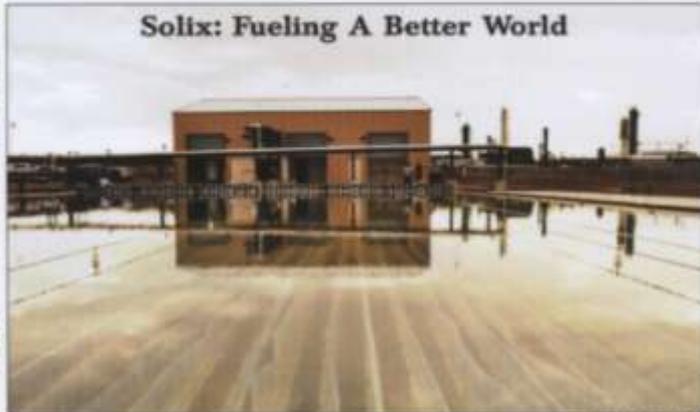
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## Solix: Fueling A Better World



## The Native American Heritage Train; The Southern Ute Legacy



Young children board the train in Ignacio after the Colorado Heritage Museum. The train is decorated with Native American patterns and symbols. Photo by [Name].

### Southern Ute Legacy

By [Name]

On Saturday, August 15, 2009, the "The Native American Heritage Train" departed from the Southern Ute Tribe's headquarters in Ignacio, Colorado. The train is decorated with Native American patterns and symbols. The train is a tribute to the rich cultural heritage of the Southern Ute Tribe. The train is a tribute to the rich cultural heritage of the Southern Ute Tribe. The train is a tribute to the rich cultural heritage of the Southern Ute Tribe.

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### Solix Biofuels

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## Solix Biofuels/SU Alternative Energy Open Biofuels Plant



On July 26, 2009, Solix Biofuels, Inc. and Southern Ute Alternative Energy LLC, dedicated a newly developed, state-of-the-art, 100,000-gallon-per-day, open-air, algae-based biofuels production facility located in Ignacio, Colorado. The facility is a major milestone in the development of alternative energy sources. The plant is a tribute to the rich cultural heritage of the Southern Ute Tribe.

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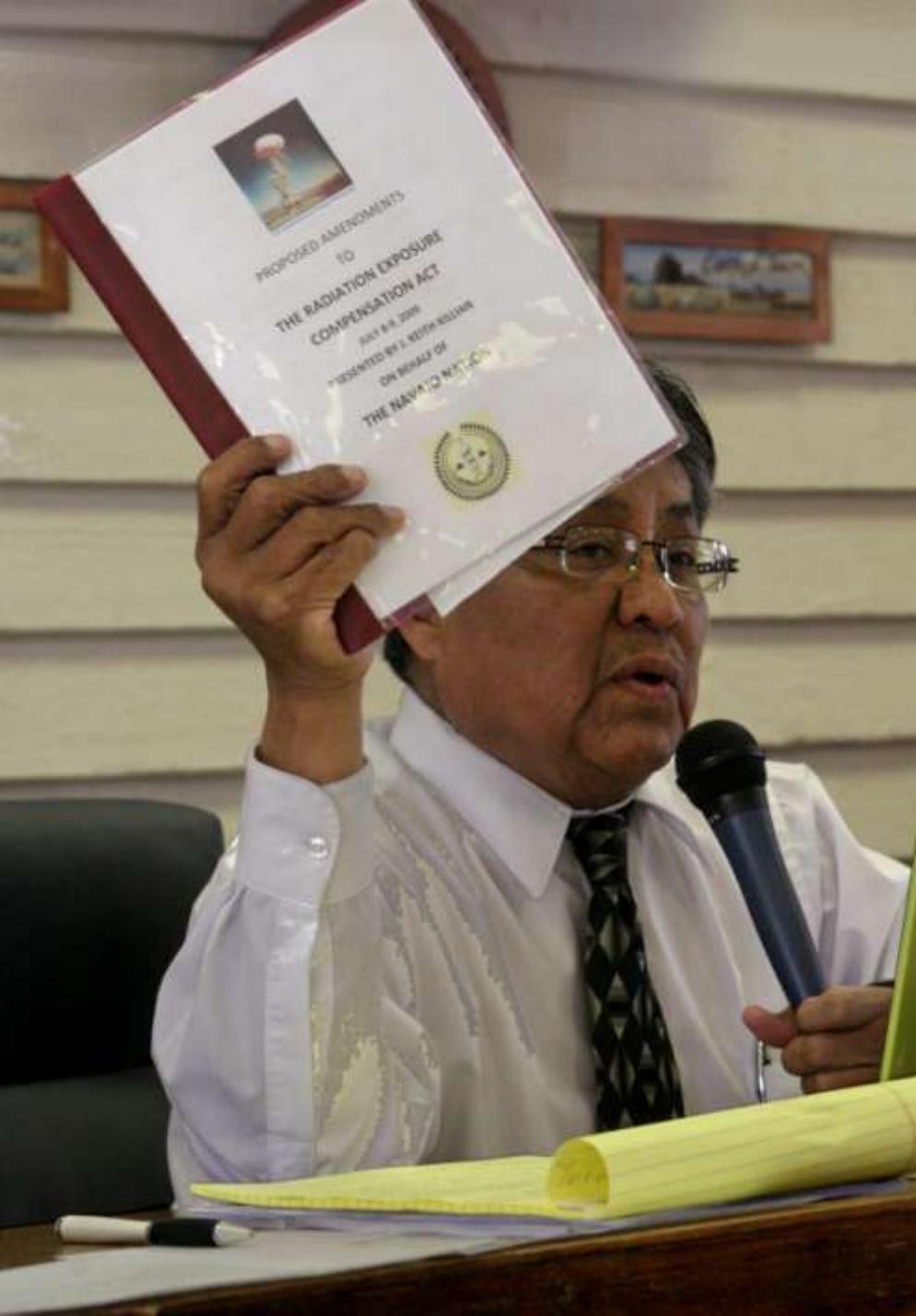


*2007 Built Green® Builder of the Year for the State of Colorado*

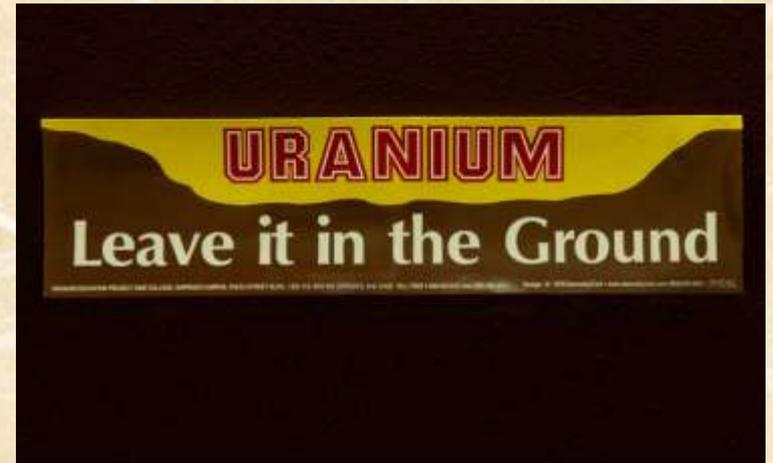




*“As Indian people we’ve always held Mother Earth sacred. We believe in harmony with Mother Earth.” W. Bruce Valdez*



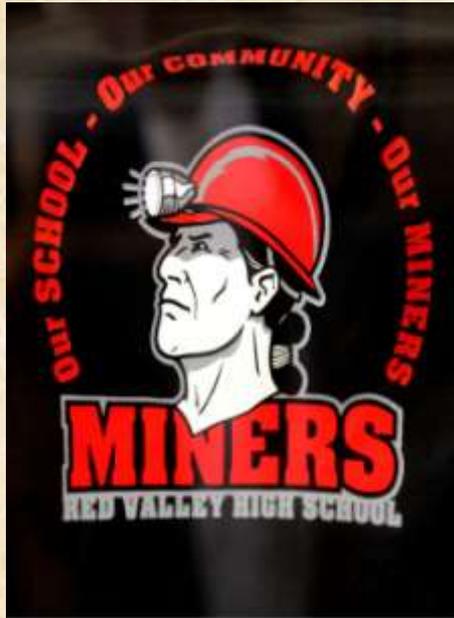
*Phillip Harrison, Jr.  
Navajo Uranium Radiation  
Victims Committee, Est. 1970*



*Radiation Exposure  
Compensation Act*



*Reclaimed uranium mine area near Cove, Arizona*





*Navajo Nation Council  
Speaker:*

*Lawrence T. Morgan*



*Photos Courtesy of  
Navajo Tribal Utility Authority*



*“Navajo rugs represent the entirety of Navajo life and spirituality. We do not separate the concept of art, beauty, and religion.*

*They are all interconnected.”*

*Gloria Nez and Travis Klain*



# *Canadian Aboriginal / First Nation Communities*

- *Manitoba Federation of Labour's  
Occupational Health and Safety Centre*
- *Wings of Change Project*
- *Manitoba Hydro*
- *Community Aboriginal Support*
- *Sharing Circles*

*Onefeather, Janice Greene*

*Wings of Change Project Coordinator:  
“Creating respectful workplaces and  
building cultural bridges”*

*“Why is it that Aboriginal workers are  
even more reluctant than workers in  
general to get involved with workplace  
health and safety issues?”*



*7 Sacred Teachings:*

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*3 Workers Rights:*

*Respect*

*Right to Know*

*Humility*

*Right to Participate*

*Love*

*Right to Refuse Unsafe  
and Unhealthy Work*

*Truth*

*Honesty*

*Courage*

*Wisdom*

*= The Workers Path to Health and Safety*



*Wanda Levasseur*  
*Community Support Worker*  
*Indian Family Centre*





*And David Zirk,*

*←David Zirk, Past President, USW Local 9740, at Black Cat Blades and Community Sharing Circle Below*



*Aboriginal Health and Safety Committee Members, Union and Management Representatives at Black Cat Blades in Selkirk, Manitoba*





*“The way we go to the future is with our back to it....to pull the past forward.”*

*Reverend Anita Keith*

*Self-Government Program*

*Red River College, Winnipeg*

*“There needs to be a positive influence towards Aboriginal workers through education and training about different cultures in the workplace. And we need to redefine our history from a First Nations perspective. It’s so important for us learn about who we are, and to know where we come from in order to know where we’re going.”*

*Rodney Hunt, Cree*

*Chief of the Saskatchewan River  
First Nation Band*

*Aboriginal Self-Government  
Program, Red River College*





*Joe Thompson*  
*Manitoba Hydro*



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*Nicolette Little Hawk*

*Cheyenne River Sioux*

*Oyate Connections*

*Eagle Butte, South Dakota*

*“I want to try to get other women going on this. It’s been a good experience and it means a lot to be able to go back and do this in my community.”*





