



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 20, 2021

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Victims of Mills Tailings Exposure Cancer Screening Program, Mack McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the letter of support and establishment of the program

SUMMARY

Prior to San Juan County establishing its Public Health Department we had a stable cancer screening program, the Radiation Exposure Screening & Education Program (RESEP) with Southeastern Utah District Health Department offering regular cancer screenings to San Juan County residents who lived or worked in Monticello from 1942-2000. Since the move, this program has become non-existent, and funding has not been requested nor appropriated at a federal level.

With the assistance of Congressman Curtis's office, we are again asking for federal appropriations to re-establish and fund this program for our citizens and/or for those who lived here and may have moved away but continue to desire to have these screenings.

Since the time of the screenings, well over 950 clients have registered and qualified for preventative screenings. Since 2009, over 10% have been diagnosed with cancer. Over 700 cancer cases have been determined to be associated with residents who lived or worked in Monticello from 1942-2000. This is something that continues to increase, year over year.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A