

Siyo CRAFT!

29 October 2021

Hey fam, friends and followers of the work and players in the game. I am here with you all to share how our adventure in Washington DC went. My daughter and I traveled there to attend and support the People vs Fossil Fuels Week of Action and Gathering the week of the October 11th-15th. It was full of feeling, movement, action, and Native Power. All in the hopes to pressure the Biden Administration to take direct action on climate.

The week kicked off with a march from Freedom Plaza to the White House. This set off and began the interactions with the law folks. They began asking us to decide where we were going to be, in the area where the arrest was going to be happening or the other side of the street where they were about to begin putting up a fence. Lol, they had not tried to force us to one area or the other, so, a group of folks occupied the road until they started getting handsy and putting up a fence, then it was time to move over near the folks who were not getting arrested. Things got tense for a little bit, and I was reminded of how little American culture understands of the things native can hold so dear. For instance, a jingle dress dancer and a woman with an eagle feather were both bothered by DC goons. But yes, we got up in arms and were the only ones bothered by it. The actions continued throughout the week led fully by the native, showing up at officials' houses, occupying buildings, and delivering signatures, fired up the whole time.

Honored to be able to throw down as natives and as nuclear abolitionists next to our native family in the fight along with allies for justice, it was also awesome to meet some of the allies and frontliners who were also there (more in a blog). I will mention here our Nuclear Information Resource Services (NIRS) family that we met there to support the cause and keep nuclear issues visible to keep from getting lost in the climate shuffle. They gave us a Don't Nuke the Climate flag which we cannot wait to fly when the weather warms up and folks begin to gather again.

We marched our CRAFT banner on Thursday, the No False Solutions day in the week of action. I managed to get in the lineup of folks who spoke about false solutions, and I talked about our work here with Fermi 2, the troubles with DTE, the complete footprint of the nuclear fuel chain and the false promises of small modular reactors. I spoke on the community solutions we here at CRAFT and other local folks are working on and it was all well received by the crowd. Many folks thought it was awesome that I brought this issue up and got a chance to speak on it because they felt it was lacking, but the speech and the issues we were there to bring light on were completely scrubbed from the agenda and recap they released. We were disappointed, especially since we were there representing not just native communities but also frontline communities of a few different make-ups. Not surprised though and I intend to touch on that in the blog as well.

Overall, it was inspiring, and we were there, and we did network and make some noise while supporting the cause and finishing out our original intentions. We were also fed good local food while we were there. The fight for climate continues, the fight for native justice continues, the fight to abolish nukes continues.

We will see you on the path, and Donadagohvi (until we meet again),

Jesse Deer In Water



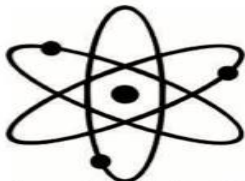
- According to data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), since the 1960s and 1970s, Monroe County's cancer death rate has shifted from 4.5% below to 14.5% above the U.S. national average. What was a low-cancer county is now a high-cancer county
- Since 1988, when Fermi-2 became fully operational, Monroe County's cancer death rate has increasingly exceeded that of the U.S. as a whole---including all ages, races, and each gender
- From 1992-2018, while Fermi-2 was operating, cancer-related mortality among younger populations in Monroe County (aged 0-24) was 38% above the national average. This is the highest among the 30 most populated Michigan counties. Fetuses and young children are most susceptible to radiation injury

The Radiation and Public Health Project (RPHP) and the Alliance To Halt Fermi-3 (ATHF3) strongly believe that these statistics warrant further study by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as potential cancer clusters. Exposure to ionizing radiation is linked to elevated cancer rates. Citations can be found at RPHP (www.radiation.org)

RPHP and the Alliance urge Monroe County residents to donate baby teeth to the "Tooth Fairy Project," an investigative effort to assess community exposure to radiation. To donate a "Tooth For Science," contact Joe Mangano at odiejoe@aol.com.



Christie Brinkley, the model - actress - entrepreneur and long-time advocate for better child health, is appealing to parents of Monroe County infants to donate a tooth. Christie was born in Monroe and has family in the area.



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October 5, 2021 Marks The 55th Anniversary Of The Partial Core Meltdown At Fermi-1 On October 5, 1966