

# URANIUM MINING SYMPOSIUM

*World Experts On Health And Socio-Economic Impacts Of Uranium Mining To  
Speak At Symposium In Richmond*

**Thursday, March 11, 2010**

10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Richmond Center Stage for the Performing Arts

7<sup>th</sup> and Grace Street, Richmond, VA (804) 225-9000

Public Parking on Grace Street; <http://www.richmondcenterstage.com>

Reception to follow for participants and invited guests

Register at [www.vcnva.org](http://www.vcnva.org) or call 804-644-0283

Please register so that we have an accurate count for lunch and the reception (no charge)

Goals:

- To examine the health and socio-economic impacts of proposed uranium mining in Virginia. The conference will provide participants with information about experiences with uranium mining all over the world.
- Specific attention will be given to the water quality and quantity impacts of uranium mining, alternatives to uranium mining, health consequences of uranium mining to local populations, and new versus old techniques of uranium mining.

Note: The conference will not focus on the pros and cons of nuclear reactors and power plants.

Speakers: (bios on back)

**Dr. Doug Brugge:** Tufts University

**Dr. Gordon Edwards:** Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility

**Manuel Pino:** American Indian Studies, Scottsdale Community College

**Paul Robinson:** Southwest Research & Information Center

**Dr. Rianne Teule,** Greenpeace International

These world experts have written and spoken extensively on uranium mining and its impacts in the US and around the globe.

Sponsoring Organizations: Dan River Basin Association; Friends of the Earth, Piedmont Environmental Council; Sierra Club, Virginia Chapter; Southern Environmental Law Center; Virginia Conservation Network, and Virginia Interfaith Power & Light

Who Should Attend? : State and local officials, the media, concerned citizens, planners, and those living in potentially impacted areas

For questions,  
contact Brent Blackwelder at [tblackwelder@yahoo.com](mailto:tblackwelder@yahoo.com).

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## **Speakers:**

**Douglas M. Brugge, Ph.D.** is Professor in the Department of Public Health and Community Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine. Dr. Brugge has written numerous analyses of the health impacts of uranium mining and processing. A co-editor of *The Navajo People and Uranium Mining*, he testified in 2007 before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on uranium contamination in the Navajo Nation.

**Gordon Edwards** is a founder of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility (CCNR) and its president since 1978. Dr. Edwards is an expert on the nuclear cycle in Canada and has helped many communities deal with radioactive contamination. Through research, articles, public presentations, and radio and television appearances, Mr. Edwards played a key role in bringing about moratoria on uranium mining in Labrador, British Columbia, and Nova Scotia.

**Manuel F. Pino** is professor of sociology and American Indian Studies at Scottsdale Community College. Formerly, he served as an Assistant Professor at Arizona State University in the School of Justice Studies. Mr. Pino received a Masters degree in Sociology from the University of New Mexico. A member of the Acoma Pueblo in New Mexico, his research focuses on environmental issues and their impacts on American Indians. He has published widely in academic journals in both the U.S. and Canada with a focus on uranium mining and nuclear fuel cycle issues impacting indigenous peoples throughout the U.S.

**Paul Robinson** is an environmental analyst, natural resource management planner, and environmental and technology assessment consultant. He serves as research director of the Southwest Research & Information Center in New Mexico, which provides technical services for communities facing mining and other resource development issues. He has provided technical analysis for formal proceedings in the U.S., Canada and Europe, as well as for publications of the national and international organizations, including the New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources and the Western Governors' Association as well as other corporate, tribal, governmental and nongovernmental organizations.

**Rianne Teule, Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry**, is an expert on all aspects of the nuclear fuel cycle with Greenpeace International. Dr. Teule has examined areas with radioactive contamination around the world, including the Chernobyl region of Ukraine, Iraq, and Brazil. Most recently, she visited two uranium mines in Niger, Africa and documented the contamination of the cities of Arlit and Akokan.