

Showing of video “Gold, Greed and Genocide”

Summary:

The IITC Mercury and Tribal Health Project was started over five years ago, in 2001, as a partnership project with Pit River and other California Indian Nations. Its initial goal was to disseminate information, build awareness and spearhead organizing around the issue of mercury contamination as a legacy of the Gold Rush that continued to poison California waters and to address its detrimental effects on the subsistence and health of tribal communities.

IITC’s plan was to share information, develop educational materials, facilitate networking and build capacity among tribes, community based organizations, health and environmental advocacy groups in order to build an effective movement in Northern California. We intended for California Indian communities and tribes to eventually taking the lead in addressing and organizing around this issue. We also wanted to help bring international attention to this situation as a violation of Indigenous Peoples’ human rights, in keeping with the focus of IITC’s ongoing organizational work.

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