



Navajo Nation and Hopi Reservation Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act Sites **COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH PLAN**



MEXICAN HAT, UTAH, DISPOSAL SITE



SHIPROCK, NEW MEXICO, DISPOSAL SITE



MONUMENT VALLEY, ARIZONA, PROCESSING SITE



TUBA CITY, ARIZONA, DISPOSAL SITE¹

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¹ THE TUBA CITY SITE ALSO INCLUDES THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES OF THE HOPI TRIBE.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AML/UMTRA Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation/Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action

BIA U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs

DOE U.S. Department of Energy

EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

GCAP Groundwater Compliance Action Plan

LM Office of Legacy Management

LTSP Long-Term Surveillance Plan

LTS&M Long-Term Surveillance and Maintenance

NRC U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

UMTRA Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action

UMTRCA Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act



1.0 INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) established the Office of Legacy Management (LM) in 2003 to ensure the future protection of human health and the environment at sites formerly used for nuclear weapons development and production during World War II and the Cold War. LM currently has responsibility for 101 sites. The environmental legacy at these sites includes radioactive and chemical waste, environmental contamination, and hazardous materials. In addition to long-term surveillance and maintenance (LTS&M) of sites, LM also has responsibility for stakeholder relations, which involves public outreach and communication with individuals, groups, communities, and other entities in the public and private sectors that are affected by LM activities and decisions. DOE Policy 141.2, *Public Participation and Community Relations*, describes how DOE will ensure that public participation and community outreach are integral and effective parts of all activities. DOE holds cooperative agreements with the Navajo Nation Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation/ Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (AML/UMTRA) Department and the Hopi Department of Natural Resources to assist with LTS&M and public outreach related to the four sites on the Navajo Nation.

On Jan. 26, 2021, President Joe Biden issued the "Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships," which emphasized respecting tribal sovereignty, championing racial and environmental justice, and developing trust between the federal government and tribal nations. Based on its previous and current guidance, LM continues to value meaningful and robust consultation with Native communities as a high priority.

The purpose of this Communications and Outreach Plan is to describe how LM will: (1) support tribal stakeholder participation and community relations with the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe, (2) support public awareness and understanding about the long-term management of the four Navajo Nation Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA) sites, and (3) foster productive communication with tribal stakeholders.

LM will support public awareness through the following activities:

- Informing the public about current and planned activities related to the sites.
- Educating the public about site operations.
- Presenting information to correct misperceptions about the sites.
- Soliciting public input on site activities and operations.
- Providing public access to site information, reports, and other documents.
- Promoting use of the LM website and social media as sources of information.
- Conducting community-based site meetings, open houses, and tours.
- Participating alongside Navajo Nation agencies in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education outreach.

LM will foster communication by participating in regular meetings with regulators and stakeholders, sharing information, and soliciting input and suggestions for changes to LM activities.



2.0 BACKGROUND

The Navajo Nation and Hopi Reservation are situated in the Four Corners area of the southwestern United States, in a region geographically identified as the Colorado Plateau. The Hopi Reservation is completely surrounded by the Navajo Nation (Figure 1) and is a federally recognized tribe.

Several of the geologic formations that form the Colorado Plateau contain deposits of uranium ore. The rush to build nuclear weapons during World War II and the early years of the Cold War brought an unprecedented level of uranium exploration, mining, and milling activities to the region. From 1954 to 1968, mining companies extracted nearly 4 million tons of uranium ore from leased land on the Navajo Nation, approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

UMTRCA is the federal law that provides funding and technical support for the safe and environmentally sound disposal, long-term stabilization, and control of uranium mill tailings in a manner that minimizes or eliminates public exposure to radiation and other environmental health hazards. DOE remediated 22 inactive uranium ore-processing sites, including the Navajo Nation sites, under the UMTRCA Title I Project, in accordance with standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

After the closure of the uranium ore-processing mills, DOE conducted a series of radiological assessments and surveys to characterize surface contamination associated with the four abandoned mill processing sites located on the Navajo Nation. DOE also developed measures to remove the radioactive tailings from the sites and placed them into engineered disposal cells, licensed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Tailings were stabilized in place at the other three sites and vicinity properties. LM is responsible for performing annual inspections of the disposal sites and conducting groundwater monitoring, groundwater treatment, and site maintenance.

To ensure protection of human health and the environment, LM is responsible for LTS&M at four UMTRCA Title I sites on the Navajo Nation: the Mexican Hat, Utah, Disposal Site; Monument Valley, Arizona, Processing Site; Shiprock, New Mexico, Disposal Site; and Tuba City, Arizona, Disposal Site. LM has cooperative agreements with the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe to assist with activities associated with the four UMTRCA Navajo Nation sites.

MEXICAN HAT, UTAH, DISPOSAL SITE

The Mexican Hat site is the location of a former uranium ore-processing mill that operated from 1957 to 1965. DOE completed surface remediation activities at the site in 1995. Radioactive materials from the former upper tailings pile, demolished mill structures, and 11 vicinity properties were relocated and placed in a disposal cell constructed at the location of the former lower tailings pile. The Mexican Hat site requires routine inspection and maintenance, records-related activities, and stakeholder engagement and support. There are no known groundwater issues.

MONUMENT VALLEY, ARIZONA, PROCESSING SITE

The Monument Valley site is in an area of northeastern Arizona often referred to as Cane Valley by locals. A uranium ore-processing mill operated at the site from 1955 to 1968. DOE completed surface remediation activities at the site in 1994, including removal of uranium mill tailings and other residual radioactive materials. These materials were transported and encapsulated in the Mexican Hat disposal cell. The Monument Valley site requires routine inspection and maintenance, records-related activities, and stakeholder engagement and support.



SHIPROCK, NEW MEXICO, DISPOSAL SITE

The Shiprock site is in the northwest corner of New Mexico. The former uranium and vanadium ore-processing facility operated from 1954 to 1968. By September 1986, all mill tailings and associated materials, including contaminated materials from off-site vicinity properties, were encapsulated in a disposal cell built on top of the existing tailings piles. Waste is protected by an engineered cover. The Shiprock site has an active groundwater remediation system and requires routine inspection.

TUBA CITY, ARIZONA, DISPOSAL SITE

The Tuba City site is northwest of the Hopi Reservation, in northern Arizona. A uranium mill operated at the site between 1956 and 1966. DOE completed surface remediation activities in 1990, and all uranium mill tailings from on-site piles, debris from demolished mill buildings, and windblown tailings were consolidated and stabilized in an engineered disposal cell on-site. The Tuba City site has an active groundwater remediation system and requires routine inspection and maintenance, records-related activities, and stakeholder engagement and support with both the Navajo Nation and Hopi tribal leaders.

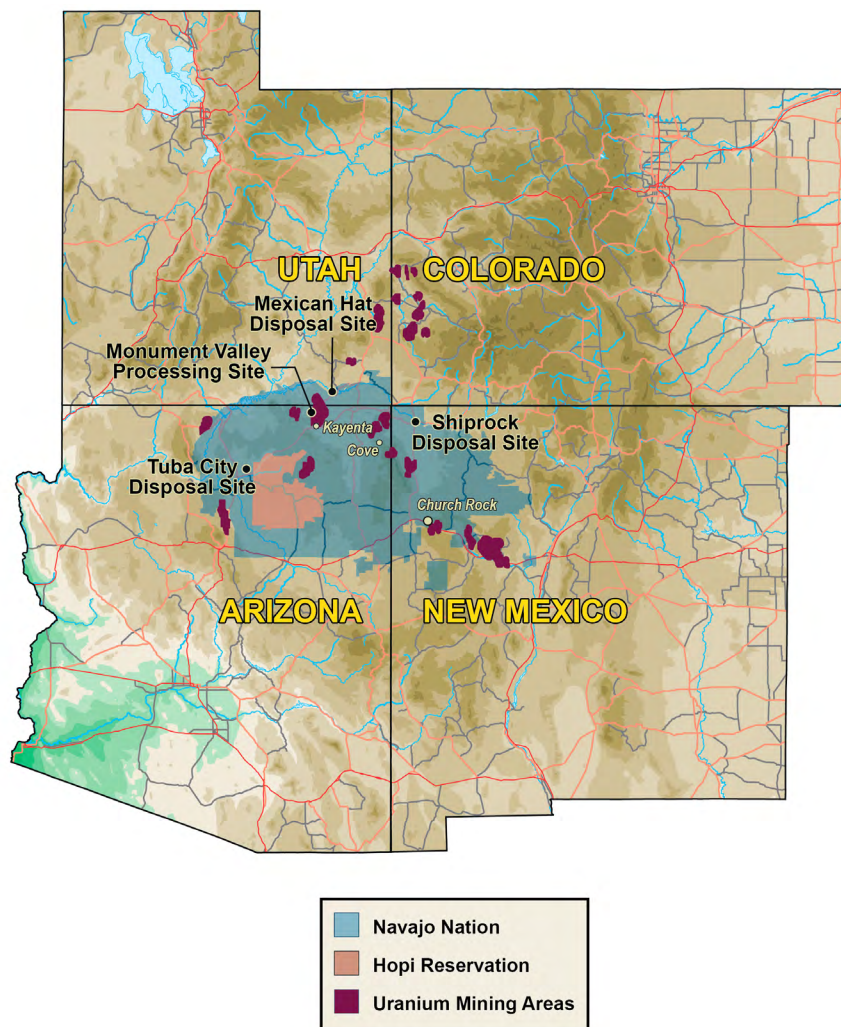


Figure 1. Site Locations



3.0 COMMUNITY PROFILE

3.1 NAVAJO NATION

The Navajo Nation covers more than 27,000 square miles in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah and is the largest American Indian reservation in the United States. In the United States, 332,129 people identify as Navajos, and the total population of the Navajo Nation reservation is 286,731 (U.S. Census Bureau 2020). Most of the population clusters near schools, hospitals, trading posts, convenience stores, churches, and other community centers. According to the 2020 census, Shiprock is the largest community on the Navajo Nation with a population of 9,020; Tuba City is second with 8,609 (U.S. Census Bureau 2020). As the population of Shiprock has increased, residents have built their homes closer to the Shiprock site.

The Navajo Nation has a three-branch government system, with headquarters in Window Rock, Arizona.¹ An elected president and vice president lead the executive branch, which includes 21 executive divisions, offices, and programs, as well as 110 chapters. The legislative branch is administered by the Navajo Nation Council, which is led by the Speaker of the Council and is made up of 24 elected council delegates representing the chapters of the Navajo Nation. The judicial branch is comprised of seven district courts, seven family courts, and the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation.

All Navajo Nation chapters are organized into five administrative agencies: Ft. Defiance Agency (Arizona), Western Agency (Arizona), Chinle Agency (Arizona), Eastern Agency (New Mexico), and Shiprock Agency (New Mexico). The Navajo Utah Commission is a subdivision of the Navajo Nation and represents chapters and communities in San Juan County, Utah.

Traditionally, the Navajo people are a matriarchal society, with descent and inheritance determined through one's mother. Traditional Navajo people have a strong sense of family allegiance and obligation. The Navajo Nation has been successful at preserving their culture, despite an increasing shift toward non-Native lifestyles. Navajo people have a storytelling culture, and Navajo elders teach the Navajo language and share cultural traditions with younger generations. Navajo culture teaches that Navajo people have a duty as caretakers of Mother Earth, which includes helping restore and maintain the health of the land.

3.2 HOPI TRIBE

The Hopi Tribe is a federally recognized tribe, consisting of a union of 12 self-governing villages located on three mesas: First Mesa, Second Mesa, and Third Mesa in northeastern Arizona. The reservation, which is entirely surrounded by the Navajo Nation, encompasses more than 1.5 million acres. The village of Oraivi is considered to be the oldest continuously inhabited settlement in the United States, dating back to about A.D. 1100. The total population of the Hopi Reservation is 9,222 (U.S. Census Bureau 2020).

The 12 villages that compose the Hopi Reservation, under authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, established the Hopi Tribal Council with the adoption of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Hopi Tribe through a referendum in 1936. According to the constitution, the Hopi Tribal Council has the power and authority to represent and speak for the Hopi Tribe in all matters related to the welfare of the tribe, and to negotiate with federal, state, and local governments and with the councils or governments of

¹ Navajo Nation Government Website, accessed Feb. 5, 2021 (<https://www.navajo-nsn.gov/>)

² Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development, accessed Feb. 5, 2021 (<http://navajobusiness.com/fastFacts/Overview.htm>)



other tribes. Each of the 22 representatives of the council, selected either by a village election or by an appointment from the traditional village leader, serves a two-year term. The chairman and vice chairman of the council each serve a four-year term. Located in the village of Kykotsmovi, the Hopi tribal government is unicameral with certain powers vested in the council by the villages. While there is an executive branch and judicial branch, their powers are limited under the Hopi Constitution.

The name Hopi means “the peaceful people,” and this Hopi concept is deeply rooted in the culture’s religion, tradition, and their view of morality and ethics. Traditionally, Hopi are organized into matrilineal clans, with descent and inheritance determined through one’s mother. Hopis have a strong sense of family, clan allegiance, and obligation, and they have been successful in preserving their culture, tradition, religion, and language. When a man and woman marry and have children, the children from the relationship are members of the mother’s clan.

4.0 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF CONTAMINATION FROM HISTORICAL URANIUM ORE PROCESSING IN THE NAVAJO NATION

From 1944 to 1986, mining companies extracted nearly 4 million tons of uranium ore from land leased on the Navajo Nation. As a result, uranium mining has left the Navajo Nation with a legacy of over 500 abandoned uranium mines, four inactive uranium-milling sites, contaminated groundwater, structures that may contain elevated levels of radiation, and environmental and public health concerns. Potential health effects, depending on timing and extent of exposure, include lung cancer from inhalation of radioactive particles as well as bone cancer and impaired kidney function from exposure to radionuclides in drinking water.¹

In 2008, Congress sanctioned a five-year, multi-agency plan to address uranium contamination on the Navajo Nation. The five agencies — DOE, EPA, NRC, BIA, and Indian Health Service (IHS) — are working in a coordinated approach to remediation, reducing risk and exposure to contaminated sources of water and abandoned uranium mines, as well as conducting LTS&M of the legacy mill sites, abandoned uranium mines, and related uranium contamination on the Navajo Nation. The plan was updated in 2014 to build on the work done in the first five years and to address the most significant risks to human health and the environment. This plan was again revised and, in February 2021, completed with a new title, “10-Year Plan.”

Under the guidance of the Navajo five-year plans and in collaboration with the Hopi Tribe, LM will continue to work with the Navajo Nation to conduct LTS&M of the legacy mill sites and monitor groundwater remediation activities at three remediated uranium-milling sites: Monument Valley, Shiprock, and Tuba City. There are no groundwater issues at the Mexican Hat site.

¹ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, accessed Jan. 3, 2020 (<https://www.epa.gov/navajo-nation-uranium-cleanup>)



5.0 STAKEHOLDERS

Stakeholders may include any individual, group, host community, or other entity in the public and private sectors that are interested in or affected by any of LM's activities and decisions. Examples of stakeholders include:

- Members of the Navajo Nation.
- Members of the Hopi Tribe.
- Navajo Nation government officials.
- Hopi Tribe government officials.
- Hopi village officials.
- Federal agency representatives.
- Congressional representatives.
- Media contacts.
- Environmental interest groups.
- Business owners.
- Other interested individuals.

6.0 STAKEHOLDER INTERACTIONS

6.1 TRIBAL INTERACTION

LM participates and shares information with several tribal stakeholders, including those from the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe. The following government agencies are consulted, when necessary, on decisions related to the four Navajo Nation sites:

- The Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President.
- The Navajo Nation Council.
- Navajo AML/UMTRA Department.
- Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources.
- Navajo Nation EPA.
- Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Navajo Nation Department of Justice.
- Navajo Nation Department of Health.
- IHS.
- Navajo Nation Water Code Administration.



- Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources.
- Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department.
- BIA.
- DOE.
- NRC.
- USFWS.
- Local government officials.
- Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission (DURAC).
- Hopi Tribe Office of Mining and Mineral Resources/UMTRA (only applies to Tuba City site).
- Hopi Tribe Water Resources Program (only applies to Tuba City site).
- Hopi Tribe Department of Natural Resources (only applies to Tuba City site).

LM has a cooperative agreement with the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources AML/UMTRA Department to assist with activities associated with the four UMTRCA Navajo Nation sites. Those activities include reviewing documents, ensuring appropriate physical and administrative controls are in place and are protective, performing administrative functions, assisting with LTS&M functions, and performing public relations and outreach activities. LM also has a cooperative agreement with the Hopi Tribe to assist with activities associated with the Tuba City UMTRCA site. Those activities include reviewing documents, monitoring site activities, and performing public relations and outreach activities. LM works collaboratively with the Navajo Nation AML/UMTRA Department and the Hopi UMTRA program on outreach activities. Public relations and outreach activities include:

- Cooperating with LM to arrange meetings and hearings.
- Assisting with written documents and oral presentations.
- Ensuring compliance with applicable Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe public notice requirements.
- Working with LM to identify opportunities for community outreach, education, and communication regarding the Navajo Nation sites.
- Providing recommendations to LM on the most effective mechanisms to communicate with host tribal communities.
- Participating in community outreach activities in cooperation with LM.
- Cooperating with LM in arranging site tours.
- Supporting and participating in STEM education outreach.

Each summer, DOE also makes an effort to recruit student interns from Native American colleges to assist with research at LM sites. For example, a Native American intern recently conducted vegetation cover studies at one of the sites. LM has supported and will continue to support Navajo and Hopi college students with summer internships at the LM office in Grand Junction, Colorado.



6.2 TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

LM meets quarterly with a technical working group to discuss progress at the four Navajo Nation sites. The group includes members from the Navajo Nation AML/UMTRA Department, Hopi UMTRA Mining and Milling Resources Program, Navajo Nation EPA, and NRC.

The meetings, which are usually held near the Navajo Nation, provide an opportunity to exchange technical information about groundwater remediation, groundwater monitoring data, surveillance and maintenance, and other technical issues. The meetings also provide opportunities to discuss tribal and community concerns. Past public outreach activities and upcoming outreach initiatives are discussed.

As part of this exchange, documents may be produced that require review and input from several agencies. LM identifies the agency representatives that will have technical input and distributes the documents accordingly.

7.0 INTERACTION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Under UMTRCA, multiple agencies work together to ensure the protection of human health and the environment at the four Navajo Nation sites. DOE is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the disposal cells and for achieving groundwater compliance at the sites. EPA established the cleanup standards for contaminated groundwater, as defined in Title 40 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 192. NRC regulates the remediation of legacy sites and licenses DOE (pursuant to 10 CFR 40.27) for the custody and long-term care of residual radioactive materials disposal sites. NRC conducts regulatory oversight of DOE activities at UMTRCA sites, including the four within the Navajo Nation.

NRC's principal responsibility is to provide regulatory oversight of DOE in its role as a general licensee responsible for the long-term care and maintenance of the Navajo Nation UMTRCA sites. The purpose of the general license is to ensure the sites are cared for in a manner that protects public health and safety and the environment. NRC oversees DOE activities at these sites, concurs in remedial action plans, reviews and comments on DOE environmental and performance reports, and conducts DOE inspection oversight activities. The general license becomes effective when NRC determines surface remediation at the site is complete and when they accept DOE's Long-Term Surveillance Plan. At sites where a legacy plume remains, NRC will also concur on DOE's Groundwater Compliance Action Plan.

In addition to the government interaction under UMTRCA, LM participates with other government agencies in the implementation of the Navajo Nation 10-Year Plan. LM also provides technical expertise to other agencies, as requested. An important part of the 10-Year Plan is communicating progress with the five other federal agencies and tribal programs.

An important element of the 10-Year Plan includes the Community Outreach Network. The Network coordinates communication and outreach activities with participating 10-Year Plan federal and tribal program and staff. The Community Outreach network coordinator (contracted by LM) moderates a monthly meeting among participating parties and implements a calendar of outreach event opportunities for the members to participate in. The relevant areas of coordination are related to the four DOE sites on the Navajo Nation, the abandoned uranium mines, and health care.



8.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

LM's mission is to fulfill DOE's post-closure responsibilities at former uranium ore-processing sites and to ensure the protection of human health and the environment. LM has several primary goals that are pertinent to this Communications and Outreach Plan:

- Engage the public, governments, and interested parties.
- Protect human health and the environment.
- Preserve, protect, and share records and information.
- Optimize the use of land and assets.

LM conducts activities necessary to ensure protection of human health and the environment following completion of remedial actions. These activities include groundwater and surface water monitoring, inspection and evaluation of all site conditions, maintenance of site features and structures, operation and maintenance of groundwater remediation systems, recordkeeping, access control, and maintenance of physical controls designed to contain or to prevent exposure to residual contamination and waste. LM also has procedures in place to respond to any site emergencies that could potentially occur.

LM ensures that conditions at the four Navajo Nation sites are protective of human health and the environment by:

- Ensuring the sites comply with the standards for public health set by independent agencies (e.g., EPA).
- Inspecting and maintaining the sites.
- Working with the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe to establish physical and administrative tools to keep people safe from potential hazards.
- Supporting long-term surveillance, operations, and applied studies and technology to support methods, such as using plants to remediate contaminated groundwater.
- Increasing understanding of the geology, geochemistry, and hydrology of these sites.

9.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

LM conducts public participation activities in close coordination with the Navajo Nation AML/UMTRA Department and Hopi UMTRA Office to inform the public about LM activities and to provide opportunities for open, ongoing, two-way communication. LM will actively seek and consider the views of its tribal stakeholders, ensuring they have an opportunity to provide input to LM's decision-making process.

Informing the public about activities and decisions is an important part of the long-term management of the sites. Stakeholders need to receive timely and accurate information about the sites to know how decisions made by LM and regulators will affect their interests. LM can help keep the public informed by: holding public meetings, open houses, and informal meetings with stakeholders; posting information on the LM website; participating in DURAC; attending community events and Chapter House meetings; and providing informational materials.

The following are examples of the types of activities LM may use to increase public awareness and understanding of the long-term management of the Navajo Nation sites.



9.1 PUBLIC MEETINGS

Public meetings are one way for LM to engage community members on information about the site, current activities, status, and planning efforts. LM may host periodic public meetings at various venues in communities near the Navajo Nation UMTRCA sites. LM may also present briefings during other agencies' meetings. Public meetings are one way for LM to engage concerned citizens and to learn what issues and concerns they have about ongoing work at the sites. LM may periodically hold a large public meeting to update the community about site activities and may combine that with a more informal, open house gathering. Public meetings also serve as a way for LM to hear from community members regarding their concerns about the site as well as present on the following topics:

- Site history.
- Site management.
- Site issues of concern.
- Scientific information.
- Sampling, monitoring plans, and results.
- Monitoring data.
- Roles of other agencies.
- Information and reports available to the public.
- Site tours.

9.2 FACILITATED MEETINGS/TRANSLATORS

Facilitators and/or translators may participate at public meetings to improve communication and understanding of site issues. The facilitator's role is to communicate the purpose of the meeting, the agenda, and any desired outcome from the meeting. The facilitator will also make sure that the meeting stays on topic. Facilitators should incorporate native traditions, language, and plain English into the meeting to enhance public participation. Navajo and Hopi translators are often incorporated into meetings to assist non-English-speaking stakeholders understand the purpose and message of the meeting.

9.3 GENERAL OPEN HOUSE

Public meetings may be preceded by an open house before the formal presentation. An open house gives LM staff an opportunity to personally meet stakeholders and address individual issues.

9.4 MEDIA OPEN HOUSE

Media open houses sometimes precede a general open house or a public meeting to give the media an opportunity to conduct interviews with LM staff before the general public arrives. Media representatives are welcome to attend public meetings.

9.5 BRIEFINGS AND SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

LM may periodically hold meetings with small groups of stakeholders and regulators to inform them about the purpose of the LM program and current site activities and to identify and address stakeholder concerns. Small group meetings allow for informal and focused discussions. LM will take into consideration views and recommendations received from participants of the meetings and implement changes as needed.



9.6 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL AND CHAPTER HOUSE MEETINGS

There are 110 chapters on the Navajo Nation. Chapters are grouped into five agencies: Chinle Agency (14 chapters), Crownpoint/Eastern Agency (31 chapters), Fort Defiance Agency (27 chapters), Shiprock Agency (20 chapters), and the Tuba City/Western Agency (18 chapters).¹ In addition, 24 council delegates represent their respective chapters.¹ Chapter house meetings, are well attended by local residents and offer a good opportunity for the Navajo Nation AML/UMTRA Department and LM to present information. Larger chapters hold regular meetings every month. Chapter house planning meetings, where the regular meeting agendas are set, are held one to two weeks prior to the regular meetings. On a quarterly basis, LM and LM contractors attend chapter house meetings that are held near the four sites that LM oversees.

10.0 EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

10.1 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH EDUCATION

An important part of the LM mission is to partner with tribal agencies and schools on the Navajo Nation to promote STEM education and careers. LM participates in various outreach events coordinated by the Navajo Nation AML/UMTRA Department, Navajo Transitional Energy Company, Arizona Public Service, and Diné College to educate Navajo science students, using hands-on activities that promote STEM education and careers. DOE and the Navajo Nation collaboratively fund STEM-sation events at Navajo Nation schools. Approximately eight events occur each year.

Examples of outreach events include:

- American Indian Science and Engineering Society Conference (Milwaukee, Wisconsin).
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society Conference (Denver, Colorado).
- STEM-sation Day (Farmington, New Mexico).
- STEM-sation Day (Shiprock, New Mexico).
- STEM-sation Day (Tuba City, Arizona).
- Diné College STEM Fest (Tsaile, Arizona).
- Environmental STEM Youth Camp (Tsaile, Arizona).
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society Conference (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma).

LM provides informational materials at STEM outreach events, including:

- Site fact sheets.
 - Mexican Hat, Utah, Disposal Site.
 - Monument Valley, Utah, Processing Site.
 - Shiprock, New Mexico, Disposal Site.
 - Tuba City, Arizona, Disposal Site.
 - Window Rock, Arizona, Community Outreach Network.

¹ Navajo Nation Chapter Houses, accessed Jan. 8, 2013 (http://www.lapahie.com/chapter_email.cfm)



- Community information sheets.
 - Mexican Hat, Utah, Disposal Site.
 - Monument Valley, Utah, Processing Site.
 - Shiprock, New Mexico, Disposal Site.
 - Tuba City, Arizona, Disposal Site.

Other STEM education outreach materials:

- "Energy Ant" activity book.
- "Gamma Goat" coloring book.
- LM Sites on Navajo Nation Land brochure.
- Uranium and Radiation on the Navajo Nation Agency Resource List.
- Window Rock, Arizona, Outreach Office map.
- Working with the Navajo Nation fact sheet.
- LM children's brochure.
- Tribal Careers STEM support brochure.
- LM Internship flyer and DOE Internship brochure.
- Various promotional items.

10.2 LM WEBSITE

Site-related documents, technical data, institutional control information (physical and administrative controls), fact sheets, presentations, meeting announcements, and general program information are available on the LM website at energy.gov/lm. This website includes [a link to LM's Geospatial Environmental Mapping System webpage](#), which provides interactive mapping capability and makes data available to stakeholders and members of the public.

The URLs for the four sites are:

- Mexican Hat: www.lm.doe.gov/mexican_hat/Sites.aspx.
- Monument Valley: www.lm.doe.gov/monvalley/Sites.aspx.
- Shiprock: www.lm.doe.gov/shiprock/Sites.aspx.
- Tuba City: www.lm.doe.gov/tuba/Sites.aspx.

STEM with LM regularly creates activities and programming that can be downloaded and used at home or in the classroom. These resources are available at www.energy.gov/lm/programs/stem-lm.



10.3 INFORMATIONAL AND OUTREACH MATERIALS

LM develops various materials to provide information about site activities and projects. Certain information, such as public meeting notices and flyers, may be translated into Navajo and Hopi languages, as requested.

10.3.1 FACT SHEETS

Site fact sheets describe the history, background, regulatory setting, site conditions, compliance strategy, institutional controls, disposal cell design, groundwater clean-up activities, LM activities, and contact information. Community site information sheets are easier for the general public to understand, as they are written in plain language with less technical detail. Graphics and photographs are also used to convey complex information. UMTRCA fact sheets provide information about Title I and Title II sites. Fact sheets are made available to the public at meetings and on the LM website.

LM may also develop other information sheets that target community members or address more specific topics, as needed.

10.3.2 PRESS RELEASES

LM may issue press releases and public announcements to announce public meetings, provide updated information on a site, or announce other newsworthy events. LM will distribute press releases and public announcements to targeted news media and other stakeholders. LM will also post this content to the LM website.

10.3.3 DISPLAY ADS AND ARTICLES

LM will prepare display ads to be placed in local print media to announce public meetings and other special events, as needed. Periodically, LM will submit articles for public dissemination that provides an update on the status of a site.

10.3.4 FLYERS AND POSTERS

LM will prepare and distribute flyers and posters announcing public meetings and other special events at local chapter houses, Hopi Moenkpoi villages, local businesses, and other community locations. These may be translated into the Navajo and Hopi languages, as needed. LM continues to develop new visual materials to increase stakeholder understanding of LM activities and technical information.

10.3.5 MEETING NOTICES

LM will prepare and distribute notices announcing public meetings and other special events to stakeholders via traditional mail, email, and posts at local civic buildings and businesses.



10.4 SITE TOURS

LM may conduct general site tours as part of a meeting or more specific site tours to educate stakeholders about site activities or events.

10.5 EVALUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES

LM will consider the views and recommendations of stakeholders when assessing the effectiveness of public participation activities, implementing changes as needed. The following information will be considered when LM evaluates public participation effectiveness:

- Evaluation forms distributed at meetings and events.
- Comments received through designated phone lines and emails.
- Survey results.
- Informal interviews with stakeholders.
- Comments received from government agencies and stakeholders.
- Comment cards distributed at meetings and events.

11.0 MEDIA RELATIONS

Many residents receive their news through traditional media outlets. LM fosters positive, productive relationships with members of the media in an effort to inform the community about work being conducted at LM sites. LM takes a proactive approach to media relations by sending press releases and public announcements and inviting media to public meetings. LM staff remains available to provide background information and subject-matter expertise for interviews.

11.1 ONLINE MEDIA INFORMATION

LM develops and maintains productive relationships by providing honest, accurate, and timely information to reporters. Media representatives are encouraged to make requests and can locate all the contact information on the "Contact Us" page on the LM website. All site facts sheets, key documents, and brochures can be found on the LM website.

11.2 MEDIA OUTLETS

11.2.1 NEWSPAPERS

Several newspapers report Navajo and Hopi news, including the *Navajo Times*, *Navajo-Hopi Observer*, *Hopi Tutuveni*, *Navajo Post*, *Farmington Daily Times*, *Durango Herald*, *Four Corners Free Press*, and *Gallup Independent*. LM will distribute press releases and display ads and encourage articles for publication through the local newspapers.



11.2.2 RADIO

Several radio stations broadcast on the Navajo Nation. LM, in both English and native languages, uses radio to announce public meetings or communicate about site activities that may be of concern to residents.

The Navajo Nation Office of Broadcast Services provides production services and educational and public information programming to listeners on the Navajo Nation through several local radio stations. According to their website, they provide Navajo language programming and networking with the following regional radio stations:

- KABR (Alamo, New Mexico).
- KTDB (Pine Hill, New Mexico).
- KGLP (Gallup, New Mexico).
- KYAT (Gallup, New Mexico).
- KNDN (Farmington, New Mexico).
- KHAC (Tse Bonito, New Mexico).
- KWIM (Tse Bonito, New Mexico).
- KTBA (Tuba City, Arizona).
- KUYI (Kykotsmovi, Arizona).
- KRMH (Red Mesa, Arizona).

KTNN-AM/FM is a Navajo Nation radio station that provides news and information in English and Navajo. They broadcast public service announcements, including chapter meeting updates, a weekly Navajo Nation presidential address, and a speaker of the Navajo Nation Council address. KNDN-AM in Farmington, New Mexico, also provides English and Navajo language broadcasts.

KNDN-AM is a radio station in Farmington, New Mexico, on the border of the Navajo reservation. KNDN 960AM broadcasts in the Navajo language. The programming includes news, information, and music. There are also live, open-microphone programs for listeners to make their own announcements for news, meetings, funerals, ceremonies, and other happenings pertinent to the Navajo Nation.

KGAK-AM is a radio station in Gallup, New Mexico, on the border of the Navajo Nation reservation. KGAK is a talk-style radio and broadcast entirely in the Navajo language.

KUYI-FM is a Hopi radio station that provides local and national news in English and Hopi. They broadcast public service announcements, including public meetings, and interviews with Tribal Council and village officials. Listeners include surrounding Navajo Nation chapters.



12.0 STAKEHOLDER CONTACTS DATABASE

LM maintains a database of contact information for stakeholders associated with each site as well as specific stakeholder lists for the Navajo Nation sites. (Appendix A is a list of the key stakeholders for the Navajo Nation sites.) LM uses this information to contact stakeholders and distribute information about the LM program and site activities. The database is updated frequently, especially when new stakeholders are identified or new contact information is received.

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