

1.0 Introduction

In November 2004, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) titled *Remediation of the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings, Grand and San Juan Counties, Utah, Draft Environmental Impact Statement*. The EIS was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations that implement the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 *Code of Federal Regulations* [CFR] 1500–1508), and the DOE procedures implementing NEPA (10 CFR 1021). After preparing the draft EIS, DOE requested public and agency comments on the document in accordance with the CEQ and DOE NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1503.1; 10 CFR 1021.313). DOE has prepared this Comment Response Document to assess and consider comments received on the draft EIS pursuant to 40 CFR 1503.4 and 10 CFR 1021.314(c). In compliance with regulations, the Comment Response Document reprints all substantive comments received on the draft EIS, either individually or collectively.

Chapter 2.0 of this Comment Response Document describes the processes DOE used to solicit comments on the draft EIS, shows the number and types of comment documents received, summarizes key issues identified in the comment documents, and identifies the major changes made in the final EIS in response to comments received on the draft EIS. Chapter 3.0 describes the process DOE used to analyze and organize the comment documents to facilitate responding to them and reproduces all comments that required a unique response. Chapter 4.0 provides DOE's response to each comment document. Chapter 5.0 lists references cited in DOE responses to comment documents.

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