



## Navajo Nation Community Outreach Network

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In October 2007, the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform directed five federal agencies — the U.S. Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Department of Health and Human Services — to coordinate with one another and address uranium-related issues on the Navajo Nation. To address these issues, the agencies collaboratively created the Ten-Year Plan (2020-2029) and the Community Outreach Network.

In accordance with the Ten-Year Plan, the Community Outreach Network, consisting of tribal and federal organizations, continues to work together to reduce health and environmental risks and find long-term solutions to remaining uranium issues on the Navajo Nation.

Focusing on improving awareness of the scope of the problem and prioritizing risks, the Ten-Year Plan has the following objectives:

- Assess, clean up, and maintain abandoned uranium mine sites.
- Investigate the potential impacts of abandoned uranium mines on surface water and groundwater.
- Continue community-based services, such as health education and medical and cancer screening evaluations.
- Support community outreach and information sharing.

As the information-sharing hub for this overall effort on the Navajo Nation, the Community Outreach Network organizes community outreach events, coordinates conference calls,



and solicits community input and feedback. This organization includes representatives from:

- U.S. Department of Energy.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- Navajo Nation Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation/ Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Department.
- Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency.
- Navajo Nation Department of Health.
- Hopi Tribe Department of Natural Resources.
- Other tribal programs and offices.

## Uranium 101 Workshop

The Community Outreach Network created a Uranium 101 workshop curriculum for chapters affected by past uranium mining and milling. The workshop provides information about uranium and radioactivity, the health effects of uranium exposure, and how to limit exposure to uranium.

During the workshop, the Community Outreach Network and other interested agencies setup information tables where residents can talk and ask questions related to uranium and radioactivity. The information booth also provides other resources, such as health promotion and healthcare, exposure prevention, compensation for exposure, environmental assessment and cleanup, and long-term stewardship of contaminated sites.

The workshop covers many topics, including:

- The history of uranium mining and milling from the 1950s through the 1980s, including worker and family exposure during this period.
- Examples of natural occurrences of uranium, radiation, and radon.
- The pathways of human exposure to uranium, radiation, and radon.
- The potential health effects of exposure.
- How to prevent and reduce exposure and protect health.
- How government is addressing uranium on the Navajo Nation.

## Navajo Abandoned Uranium Mine Administrative Information Repository

Information about Navajo Nation and local uranium mine sites is available at the Navajo Nation Community Outreach Network Office. Community members can look at uranium mine cleanup documents either online or on DVDs that are available for on-site viewing only. The Navajo Abandoned Uranium Mine Administrative Record contains information used to decide how to clean up abandoned uranium mines. The NAUM Administrative Record includes reports, public notices, fact sheets, pictures, maps, public meeting records, and more.



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Website:  
**<https://www.epa.gov/navajo-nation-uranium-cleanup/working-communities-cleaning-abandoned-uranium-mines>**

Ten-Year Plan:  
**<https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-02/documents/nnaum-ten-year-plan-2021-01.pdf>**