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Renewable Energy:
Planning for Sustainability & Self-Determination
for the Navajo Nation

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Indian land comprises 5% of the land area of the United States, but contains an estimated 10% of all energy resources.

“Wind resources in the Great Plains could meet 75% of the electricity demand in the contiguous 48 states.”

(Native American Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2003)



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“Indian households on reservations are disproportionately without electricity. A total of 14.2% of Indian households have no access to electricity, as compared to only 1.4% of all U.S. households.”

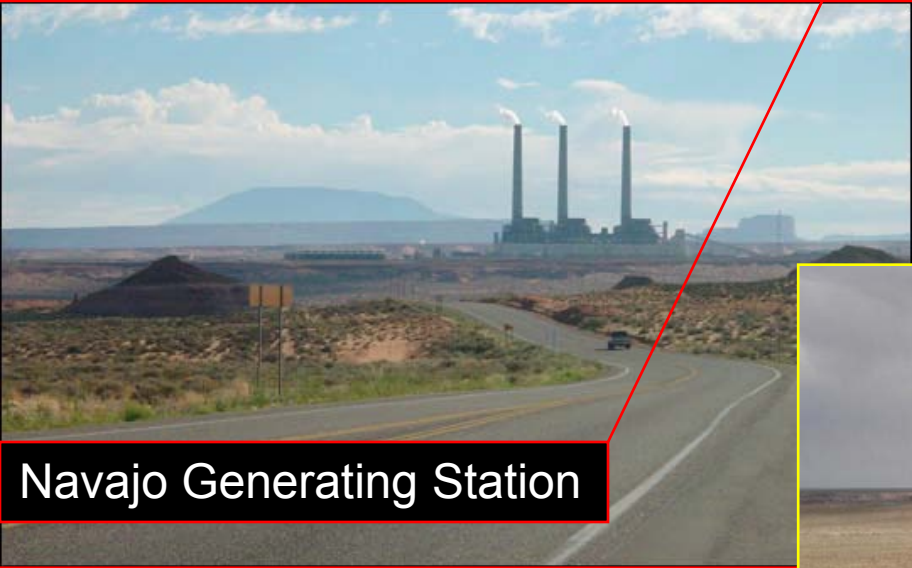
Navajo accounts for 75% of the households without electricity.

(2000 EIA Report)



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Energy Generation



Navajo Generating Station



Four Corners Power Plant



Desert Rock Power Plant



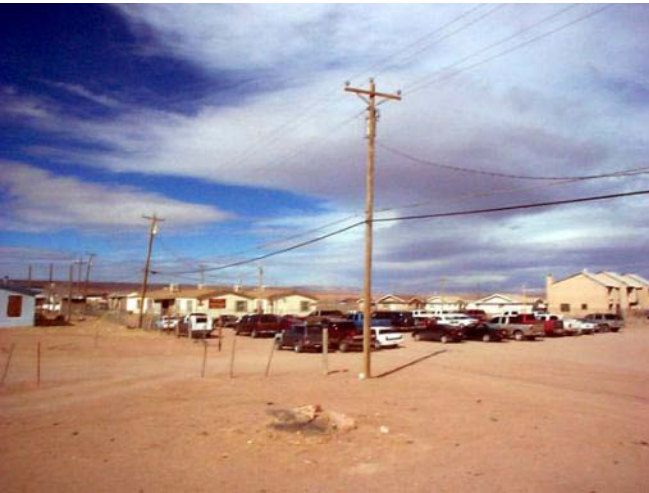
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Who's Connected?



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Why a Concern?



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What Can NN do?

- Plan to power
 - Community-based
 - Regional plan
 - Comprehensive plan
- Invest in Renewable Energy
 - Makes sense
 - The people know



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Sustainability Planning

- Long-term perspective
- Holistic approach
- Acceptance of limits
- Focus on place
- Active involvement



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Why Renewable Energy?

- Sustainability
 - Environmental
 - Cultural
 - Economic
 - Social



Why Renewable Energy?

- Self-determination
 - No more dependency
 - No “grid”
 - Greater autonomy
 - Self-sufficiency





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