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March 25, 2020

Mr. John M. Fowler, Executive
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
401 F Street NM, Suite 308
Washington, DC 20001-2637

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL ELECTRIC/UNITED NUCLEAR
CORPORATION'S PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER OF MINE WASTE FROM THE
NORTHEAST CHURCH ROCK MINE SITE TO THE UNC CHURCH ROCK MILL
SITE (DOCKET NUMBER: 40-8907)

Dear Mr. Fowler:

On September 24, 2018, United Nuclear Corporation (UNC) submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requesting to amend its source materials license SUA-1475. UNC is proposing to excavate approximately 1 million cubic yards of mine waste from the Northeast Church Rock (NECR) Mine Site and dispose of it at the adjacent UNC Mill Site near Gallup, New Mexico. Map showing the proposed project location are provided in the enclosure.

The NRC staff is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to document its independent assessment of the potential impacts from the removal of waste from the NECR mine site and disposal of waste at the mill site. The NRC staff is preparing the EIS in accordance with the regulatory provisions in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 51, which implement the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.8 (Coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act), the NRC staff is using the NEPA process to comply with its obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The environmental review will also include analyses of potential impacts to historic and cultural resources.

Information on the Church Rock license amendment application is available on the NRC's project webpage at <https://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/decommissioning/uranium/united-nuclear-corporation-unc-.html>. Documents are also publicly available from the NRC's Agency Wide Documents Access and Management System, which can be accessed online at: <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions or need additional information on the proposed UNC Mill Site project, please contact the environmental Project Manager, Ms. Ashley Waldron. Ms. Waldron can be reached at (301) 415-7317 or via e-mail at: Ashley.Waldron@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cinthya Román". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" at the beginning.

Cinthya I. Román, Chief
Environmental Review Materials Branch
Division of Rulemaking, Environmental,
and Financial Support
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

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Enclosure:
Map of Church Rock Project

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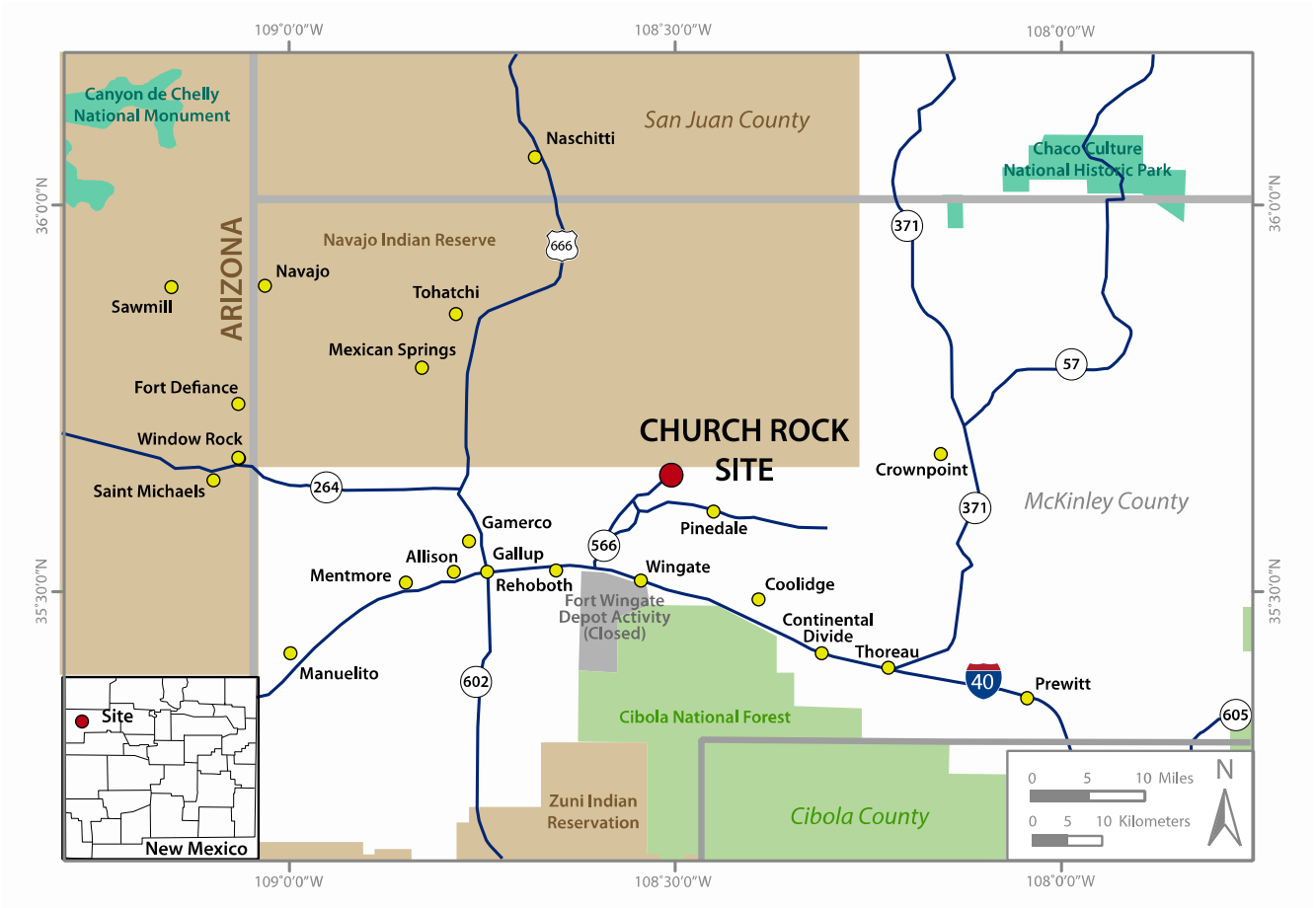
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Church Rock Site Location Map



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