



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

April 4, 2022

SECRETARY

Ms. Valinda Shirley
Executive Director
Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Ms. Shirley,

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you will participate in a public Commission discussion of the Ten-Year Plan to Address Impacts of Uranium Contamination on the Navajo Nation and lessons learned from the remediation of former uranium mill sites, on Friday, April 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Mountain Time. The Commission is very interested to hear your thoughts on these topics.

I am enclosing a copy of the meeting agenda for your information. My staff will keep you informed of any updates to the agenda.

To assist the Commission in preparing for the meeting, we request that your staff e-mail any written material, including slides, to Wesley Held (Wesley.Held@nrc.gov), and Monika Coflin (Monika.Coflin@nrc.gov) in the NRC's Office of the Secretary, by **April 15, 2022**, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. PowerPoint is the preferred format, but other electronic presentation formats may be used. This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: <https://video.nrc.gov/>, and materials provided for the meeting will be posted on the NRC public Web site prior to the meeting: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/tr/>. We also will provide dial-in information for those who wish to listen to the meeting by telephone.

Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. We request that you plan your oral presentation for about 10 minutes, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention. Following the presentations from all the members of the panel, the Commission will engage the panelists in dialogue on the topics. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Mr. Held at 301-287-3591.

Sincerely,

Brooke P. Clark

Enclosure:
Agenda

AGENDA

Title: **DISCUSSION OF THE TEN-YEAR PLAN TO ADDRESS IMPACTS OF URANIUM CONTAMINATION ON THE NAVAJO NATION AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE REMEDIATION OF FORMER URANIUM MILL SITES (Public Meeting)**

Purpose: The purpose of the briefing is to provide the Commission with an overview of the 2020-2029 plan of interagency actions to address the impacts of uranium contamination on the Navajo Nation, and provide updates on, and lessons learned from, remediation activities at former uranium mill sites throughout the west.

Scheduled: **April 22, 2022**
6:30 pm Mountain Daylight Time

Duration: Approx. 3 hours

Location: **Hilton Garden Inn; Gallup, New Mexico** with option for **Hybrid/Virtual**

Ten-Year Plan Panel **60 min.***

Jonathan Nez, President of the Navajo Nation **10 min.**

Valinda Shirley, Executive Director, Navajo Nation EPA **10 min.**

Edith Hood, President, Red Water Pond Road Organization **10 min.**

Catherine Haney, Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Waste, Research, State, Tribal, Compliance, Administration and Human Capital Programs, Office of the Executive Director for Operations **10 min.**

Michael Montgomery, Region 9 Superfund Division Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency **10 min.**

Jessie Quintero, Branch Chief, Environmental Review Materials Branch **10 min.**

Topics:

- Overview of the 2020-2029 ten-year plan, including NE Church Rock Mine and UNC Mill Site activities
- Discussion of each participating agency's role in the NE Church Rock Mine and UNC Mill Site activities and lessons learned
- Stakeholder perspectives on the ten-year plan, NE Church Rock Mine and UNC Mill Site activities, and other former uranium mill sites in the western U.S.
- NRC Environmental Review and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation

Dialogue with Commission	30 min.
Break	5 min.
<u>Perspectives and Lessons Learned from Remediation Activities at Former Uranium Mill Sites Panel</u>	50 min.*
Brian Crossley , Water & Fish Program Manager Department of Natural Resources, Spokane Tribe of Indians	10 min.
John Lubinski , Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)	10 min.
William Frazier , Site Manager, Office of Legacy Management, U.S. Department of Energy	10 min.
Stevie Norcross , Assistant Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, Utah Department of Environmental Quality	10 min.
Bill Von Till , Branch Chief, Uranium Recovery and Materials Decommissioning Branch	10 min.

Topics:

- Overview of ongoing remediation activities at former uranium mill sites
- Lessons learned from the remediation of uranium mill sites, interagency cooperation, and Tribal engagement

Dialogue with Commission	30 min.
Discussion – Wrap-Up	5 min.

*For presentation only and does not include time for Commission Q & A

Documents:

- Ten-Year Plan: Federal Actions to Address Impacts of Uranium Contamination on the Navajo Nation 2020-2029 <https://www.epa.gov/navajo-nation-uranium-cleanup/federal-plans-related-documents#docs>
- Slides due: April 15, 2022