

Navajo Nation Community Outreach Network Office Window Rock, Arizona



Fact Sheet

Community Outreach Network

The Community Outreach Network is the result of an October 2007 congressional directive by the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to requesting that five federal agencies (listed below) coordinate with one another in order to address uranium-related issues within the Navajo Nation.



Representatives from the Navajo Nation and multiple federal agencies attended a Five-Year Plan meeting and toured the DOE Office of Legacy Management (LM) sites at Monument Valley, Arizona, and Mexican Hat, Utah.



U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)



U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)



Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

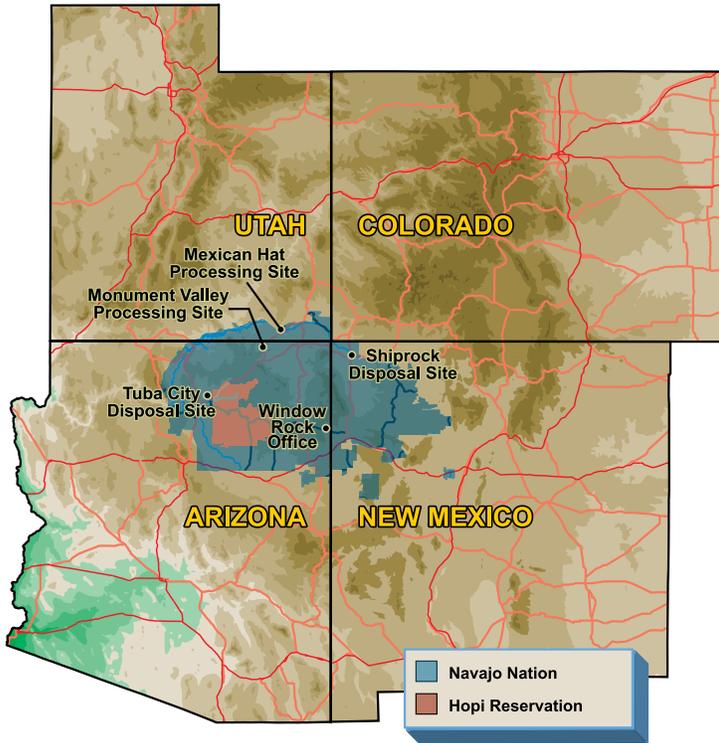


U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

The federal agencies, working in collaboration with the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe, developed the 2008-2012 Five-Year Plan, which was the first coordinated effort by the federal government to address uranium contamination in the Navajo Nation. The plan focused on improving awareness of the scope of the problem and on prioritizing the risks. In 2014, federal agencies completed the second Five-Year Plan that builds on the work of the first and has the following major objectives:

- Clean up abandoned uranium mines, groundwater, and homes constructed with contaminated mining materials.
- Provide clean drinking water to affected communities.
- Support community outreach and information sharing.

The Community Outreach Network serves as the hub of information sharing for this overall effort. The network is composed of representatives from the five participating federal agencies, the Navajo Nation Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation/Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Department (AML/UMTRA), the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA), the Navajo Nation Department of Health (NNDOH), the Hopi Tribe Department of Natural Resources, and other tribal programs and offices. The network is tasked with organizing community outreach events, sharing information, coordinating conference calls, and receiving community input and feedback.



4. Provide information to community members interested in learning more about the work being done to protect human health and the environment from uranium contamination.



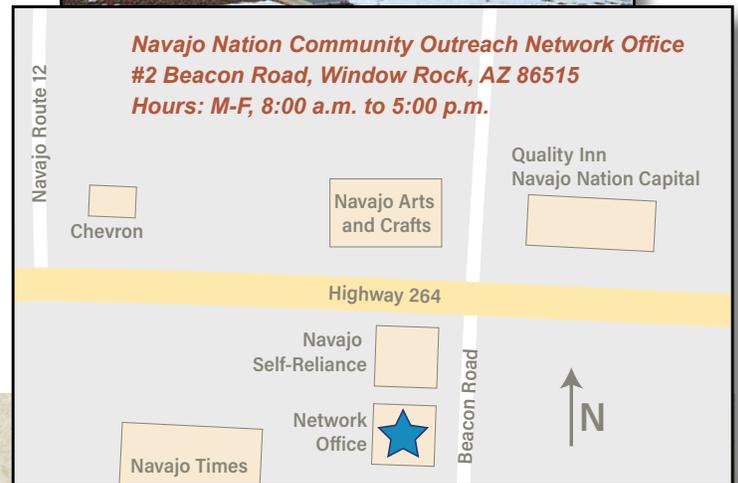
Window Rock, Arizona, Office

To further the efforts of the Five-Year Plan, a Community Outreach Network office was established in Window Rock, Arizona, at #2 Beacon Road. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The network office is staffed by a Community Outreach Liaison/Public Affairs Specialist and Administrative Assistant, who serve as resources for the five federal agencies, tribal departments, programs, and community members. The office provides information on our LM sites in Tuba City and Monument Valley, Arizona; Shiprock, New Mexico; and Mexican Hat, Utah. EPA provides information on efforts to address abandoned uranium mines. The Indian Health Service and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry offer health information. NRC is responsible for regulatory information. AML/UMTRA, NNEPA, and NNDOH provide tribal information specific to their efforts in addressing uranium-related issues within the Navajo Nation. The network office also has a conference room for meetings and office resources.

The primary goals of the office are to:

1. Increase community outreach and information sharing.
2. Support the Community Outreach Network.
3. Serve as a resource for participating federal agencies, as well as for and tribal departments and programs.



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