

# NAVAJO NATION

Environmental Protection Agency

Region 9

San Francisco, CA

## **Abandoned Uranium Mines Work Progress Workforce Development Opportunities**

Cleaning up abandoned uranium mines on the Navajo Nation creates safe jobs for Navajo workers and provides opportunities for Navajo businesses. These opportunities will increase as cleanup work at the mines accelerates.

Jobs Provided to Navajo Workers Within the Past 4 Years			
Project/Activity	Job Duties	Workers Hired	
Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency	Environmental Program Manager, Sr. Environmental Specialist, Geographic Information System Specialist, Administrative Staff	4	
Community Housing & Infrastructure Development (CHID)	2 project managers, 1 inspector, 2 construction supervisors, senior plumber, electrician, office specialists, and 13 carpenters	21	
Cove Tronox Mines	Botanist, geologist, Navajo language interpreters, 6 community liaison		
Cove Watershed Sampling	2 Diné College interns, 2 Navajo Technical University interns, 1 New Mexico State University intern, 1 Eastern New Mexico University intern, and 1 Diné College faculty member		
Cove Wash Surface Water Sampling	13 Diné College interns and 3 Diné College faculty members	16	
Northeast Church Rock Mine	Native American on-site field workers	14	
Community Outreach	Professional services to obtain access	3	
Ruby Mines	Field technician	1	
El Paso Natural Gas Mines	Professional services to obtain access	1	
Northern Arizona University Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals	Various field jobs	21	
Total		94	

### WORK PROVIDED TO NAVAJO OWNED BUSINESSES

Dinétahdóó Cultural Resources Management (DCRM)



Bitsui- Chavez Construction Co, LLC (Bitsui-Chavez)



Community



Various

Navajo

Navajo **Engineering &** Construction **Authority** 



Perform Cultural Resource surveys approximately 20 times



Performed land surveys for bridge design, and 4 new homes



Installed 9 signs and 7 fences at El Paso Natural Gas abandoned uranium mines



Replaced contaminated homes with \$3.1 M EPA grant



Navajo interpreters from various communities



Constructs water infrastructure projects

## **CONTRACT OUTREACH**

Past Events		
Date	Location	Participants
Sep. 16, 2015	Industry Days Central New Mexico Workforce Training Center Albuquerque, NM	8 Navajo businesses
Sep. 17, 2015	Industry Days Quality Inn Navajo Nation Capital Window Rock, AZ	17 Navajo businesses as well as representatives from: Navajo Technical University, National Center for American Indian Procurement Technical Assistance Center, Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development, American Indian Chamber Education Fund and members of the Navajo Nation Council.
April 11-15, 2016	Navajo Economic Summit Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort Flagstaff, AZ	Over 14 Navajo businesses

### **ANTICIPATED EVENTS**

#### Summer 2016

Release of RFP\* for the Navajo Area Uranium Mines RAES\* Contract

#### Summer 2016

Release of RFI\* for the Potential Remediation/ Construction Contract

## 2016

#### Summer 2016

Industry Days (2 weeks after RFP\* & RFI\* Release)

**RAES\*** – Response, Assessment and Evaluation Services

RFP\* – Request for Proposal, Solicitation by EPA to potential contractors for Abandoned Uranium Mines RAES and remediation/construction scope of work

RFI\*- Request for Information, Collect written information regarding company experience cleaning up radiological mine and mine related waste

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