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Subject: Government to Government Consultation between the Navajo Nation and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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The purpose of this e-mail is to formally advise all recipients that the Navajo Nation will be participating in a government to government consultation with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in late September of this year. While the exact time and date of this consultation has not been decided it is anticipated that it will take place on September 25, 2013 in Window Rock (Navajo Nation), Arizona.

The topic for this consultation will be the role of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in the implementation of the Northeast Church Rock Site remedy. The Navajo Nation has a general understanding of the various roles of the various agencies and regions involved in this process including U.S. EPA Regions 6 and 9, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Department of Energy. As all of you are aware we are trying to do everything possible to see to it that the Northeast Church Rock Site remedy is implemented as quickly as possible. To that end our discussions on September 25, 2013 will focus on the status of the Northeast Church Rock Site remedy from the NRC and Navajo Nation perspective and what, if any, administrative and regulatory roadblocks exist to making sure that the remedy is implemented as quickly as possible.

As all of you also know this is a top priority for Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly and we see this as a continuation of the discussions that were held this summer at the Uranium Stakeholders Conference in Gallup.

We are taking this opportunity to continue this discussion at this time with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission because they had requested the opportunity to meet with us directly in Window Rock about another matter involving possible future uranium mining in the Church Rock area.

While we are certainly not discouraging representatives of U.S. EPA Regions 6 and 9 and the Department of Energy from attending this meeting in person we are not requesting or expecting you to travel to Window Rock. We understand that travel budgets are tight for everyone. In the event you would like to attend by phone please don't hesitate to let me know and we will accommodate you.

Please make sure that all appropriate representatives of your agency or Region are made aware of this matter and please don't hesitate to let me know should you have any questions.

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