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**To:** [Lee Anna Martinez](#); [Dawn K. Begay](#); [Dariel Yazzie](#); [Elisa Arviso](#)  
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**Bcc:** [Pineda, Christine](#)  
**Subject:** Summary of NRC/NNEPA call on Friday, 9/17  
**Date:** Monday, September 20, 2021 10:02:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [FW Distribution Letter to V Shirley from J Quintero re Status Update of Church Rock Mill Site License Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement Outreach Activities .msg](#)

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Good Morning,

Below is the summary of the call on Friday. Please reply all if you have something to add.

Attendees: Lee Anna Martinez, Dariel Yazzie, Dawn Begay, Elisa Arviso, Sandra Talley, Jessie Quintero, Christine Pineda

1. Letter to Director Shirley

Christine noted that the letter had gone out via email to Valinda Shirley and that Lee Anna and Dariel were copied on the email.

That email is attached.

2. Chapter house meetings status

Lee Anna provided an update, saying she visited the four chapter houses (Church Rock, Coyote Canyon, Pinedale, and Standing Rock). Lee Anna noted that the Coyote Canyon chapter contact was not familiar with the NECR mine cleanup project. Pinedale and Church Rock chapter contacts are aware. Lee Anna noted that Standing Rock indicated the NRC had participated in a meeting, and Christine clarified that she called in for a chapter planning meeting (July) to announce that the NRC is willing to hold a separate meeting to discuss the EIS. Christine explained that she had made similar calls to the other chapter houses and followed each call with an email repeating the offer to meet virtually or by telephone.

**Action:** In response to Lee Anna's request for more copies of the blue booklet (summary of the EIS), Christine will request 100 additional printouts and send those to Lee Anna as soon as they're ready. **Request for copies sent this morning.**

**Action:** Lee Anna will send NRC contact and related information for the chapter houses.

3. Role of NRC tribal liaison

Sandy Talley gave an overview of the TL program at the NRC and described her role in the Church Rock project. Sandy and Christine explained that the NRC does not have the staffing resources at the programmatic level or funding/contract resources at the project level to provide a liaison to be present in the community.

Sandy described the ongoing NRC effort related to EJ and encouraged NNEPA to provide input to the NRC regarding the need for dedicated liaison staff or contractors who can be in the local area during projects.

#### 4. NNEPA insights

Dariel stated that the NRC is failing, needs to make an effort to have in-person communications, needs to provide all EIS and license application supporting documentation in paper form. Dariel also noted that Elisa Arviso was on the call. He then excused himself from the call.

Elisa introduced herself and noted she will be on future biweekly calls. Christine suggested that if she plans to develop more comments on the EIS, we could add discussion topics to the agendas for the biweekly calls that might assist her in formulating her comments.

**Action:** Christine to forward biweekly call appointments to Elisa. **Sent this morning.**

In response to Dariel's concerns, Christine explained that the NRC does not have the staffing or funding resources to provide a person that could be in the local area for the Church Rock project (aside from current pandemic restrictions). Christine also explained that the NRC could provide paper copies of certain documents upon request if needed, but that we cannot provide a printout of the entire set of documents referenced in the EIS and provided or referenced in the license application.

The next call is scheduled for Friday, October 1.

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**Subject:** Proposed Agenda for NRC/NNEPA call on Friday, 9/17

Good Afternoon,

Below is the proposed agenda for tomorrow morning's call (11 AM ET). Please let us know if you have any topics to add:

1. Letter to Director Shirley
2. Chapter house meetings status
3. Role of NRC tribal liaison
4. NNEPA insights

The Teams link is included below.

Thank you,  
Christine

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