



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

March 4, 2024

Stephen B. Etsitty, Executive Director  
Navajo Nation  
Environmental Protection Agency  
P.O. Box 339  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear Mr. Etsitty:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your January 22, 2024, letter related to the licensing of emerging technologies for remediation of mine waste. Thank you for sharing your views and concerns on this topic. The April 2022 Commission meeting in Gallup, New Mexico, you mentioned in your letter also provided valuable perspectives on the impacts of uranium contamination on the Navajo Nation.

As you are aware, at the request of the Commission, the NRC staff provided different options for the licensing of emerging technologies used for remediation of mine waste. The Commission is currently reviewing those options. The NRC staff will engage with all of our stakeholders, including the Navajo Nation, when implementing the approved approach.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Williams, Director, Division of Materials Safety, Security, State, and Tribal Programs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. Kevin can be reached at (301) 415-3340, or via at [Kevin.Williams@nrc.gov](mailto:Kevin.Williams@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Hanson

cc: B. Nygren, President