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NRC Chairman and Commissioners to Visit New Mexico for Briefings on Uranium Milling Issues and Contamination

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Christopher T. Hanson, Commissioner Jeff Baran and Commissioner David Wright will receive an overview of the 2020-2029 plan to address the impacts of uranium contamination on the Navajo Nation.

Meeting panelists representing the NRC, the Navajo Nation, the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. EPA, the U.S. DOE, the state of Utah, the Spokane Tribe of Indians, and the Red Water Pond Road Community also will provide perspectives on remediation activities at former uranium mill sites throughout the West, including activities at the NE Church Rock Mine and United Nuclear Corporation Mill Site activities.

The NRC will also hold a meeting to provide the Commission with a first-hand account from members of the community regarding the impacts of uranium contamination on the Navajo Nation.

Ten-Year Plan to Address Impacts of Uranium Contamination on the Navajo Nation and Lessons Learned from Former Uranium Mill Sites to be Discussed

When: Friday, April 22, 2022 6:30-9:30 p.m., Mountain Daylight time

Where: Hilton Garden Inn, 1530 W. Maloney, Ave., Gallup, New Mexico.

How to attend: In-person (limited), live by webcast at the Web address, <u>https://video.nrc.gov</u> or by phone: 800-369-2047; Listen-only passcode: 6097034

Additional information: Reasonable accommodations information can be found in the <u>Federal Register</u> <u>Notice</u>. The meeting will be transcribed.

NRC to Meet with Navajo Members of the Red Water Pond Road Community

When: Friday, April 22, 2022 2:30-4:30 p.m., Mountain Daylight time

Where: Red Water Pond Road Cha'a'oh (Shade House), New Mexico. The GPS coordinates are 35.68485338436599, -108.5433161361636. From Church Rock on State Route 566, travel northeast for 11 miles. After Mile Marker 11 and Pipeline Road, the road bends to the left. Shortly after is a Red Water Pond Road sign. Turn right off State Route 566 onto Red Water Pond Road. The meeting location is approximately a quarter mile on the right.

How to attend: The meeting will be held in compliance with Navajo Public Health Emergency Order 2022-05. At this time, the reopening status is "yellow" (moderate transmission of COVID-19) and the Red Water Pond Road Community Meeting facility will be allowed to seat up to 50 persons. The grounds surrounding the facility will be set up in a "drive-in" setting where participants remain in their vehicles during the broadcast of the meeting via public address/sound system. Masks are required to be worn in public. For additional information on public health restrictions and to check the reopening status on the day of the meeting, go to:

https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/covid-19