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The body of the letter below was sent to the Governor, Speaker, Chairwoman, or President of the following Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos:

Fort Sill Apache Tribe
Jemez Pueblo
Jicarilla Apache Nation
Kewa Pueblo
Mescalero Apache Tribe
Navajo Nation, President
Navajo Nation, Speaker
Ohkay Owingeh
Pueblo of Acoma

Pueblo of Cochiti
Pueblo of Isleta
Pueblo of Laguna
Pueblo of Nambe
Pueblo of Picuris
Pueblo of Pojoaque
Pueblo of San Felipe
Pueblo of San Ildefonso
Pueblo of Sandia

Pueblo of Santa Ana
Pueblo of Santa Clara
Pueblo of Taos
Pueblo of Tesuque
Pueblo of Zia
Pueblo of Zuni
Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo



December 18, 2023

Re: New Mexico Environment Department's release of the *Formerly Operating Uranium Mine and Mill Sites Dashboard*

Dear [Name of Governor, Speaker, Chairwoman, or President],

I am writing to provide you with an update related to the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) new online dashboard of *Formerly Operating Uranium Mine and Mill Sites* to increase transparency in the status of uranium cleanup around the State. With ongoing updates to this web mapping tool, members of the public can immediately gain an understanding of the location and nature of uranium mines and mills near their communities, as well as how the sites are being addressed.

In 2022, New Mexico House Bill 164 (HB 164) created a Uranium Mine Reclamation Coordinator position to synchronize initiatives with 11 other state agencies, develop an environmental reclamation workforce, report annually to the legislature, address abandoned uranium mines on state and private land, and create a central repository for uranium mine and mill information. For NMED, our Uranium Mine Reclamation Coordinator is Miori Harms. On December 1, Ms. Harms presented an annual report to the Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee on work under HB 164, including the draft strategic plan. Upon completion, we plan to share the plan with each of you and your tribal environmental directors/managers via email and we welcome your feedback.

To provide the central repository information that HB 164 requires, NMED worked with the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department to create an online dashboard. This is an important foundational product, especially in addressing the many comments about tribal communities feeling in the dark about uranium issues and no visibility into what is happening in local areas and statewide. While we will continue to update the dashboard on a regular basis and expect to add more information as we receive it, we are excited to announce that we are ready to publish our first version of the dashboard:

<https://nmenv.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/690621694d4e4906b2ae2886f528eec1>

I hope you find this resource helpful and that this helps NMED to serve you and your members more effectively and transparently. If you would like any additional information, please ask your staff to contact Miori Harms at 505-372-8887 or miori.harms@env.nm.gov to learn more

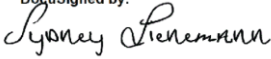


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or share your thoughts. I appreciate your continued coordination and communication with NMED on state and tribal interests to address legacy uranium impacts in New Mexico.

Respectfully,

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Deputy Cabinet Secretary

Cc: Josette Monette, Cabinet Secretary Designate, Indian Affairs Department
Sarah Propst, Cabinet Secretary, Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department
James C. Kenney, Cabinet Secretary, NMED
Jonas Armstrong, Office of Strategic Initiatives Director, NMED
Kathryn S. Becker, Deputy General Counsel (Acting) and Tribal Liaison, NMED