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Re: 2026 Uranium Mine and Mill Site Reclamation Annual Report

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This report fulfills the Uranium Mine Cleanup Act (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") requirement that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) report on an annual basis to the Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee on activities related to uranium mine and mill site reclamation in the preceding year. This includes NMED activities (Section 1) and activities undertaken by 10 other state departments and agencies identified in HB 164 (see Sections 2 and 3). NMED has also included the Office of the State Engineer in this report as their role is integral in the State of New Mexico's effort to protect human health and the environment. This report briefly summarizes the contributions of the 12 state agencies towards uranium cleanup. See NMSA 1978, § 9-7A-16 [previously referenced as House Bill 164 Section 1(A)(6) (2022)]. The Act defines and interprets "reclamation" as equivalent to cleanup and inclusive of surface water and groundwater remediation that fall under discharge permits and abatement plans regulated by NMED.

Section 1: Activities in Uranium Reclamation Undertaken by NMED

(1) Strategic Plan

The Act directs NMED to "*develop a strategic plan for the cleanup of uranium mine and mill sites throughout the state, including reclamation goals, timelines for the completion of cleanup activities at specific sites and anticipated funding requirements. The Department of Environment shall consult with the departments enumerated in Paragraph (1) of this subsection in the development of the strategic plan...*" Activities below represent efforts to that end.

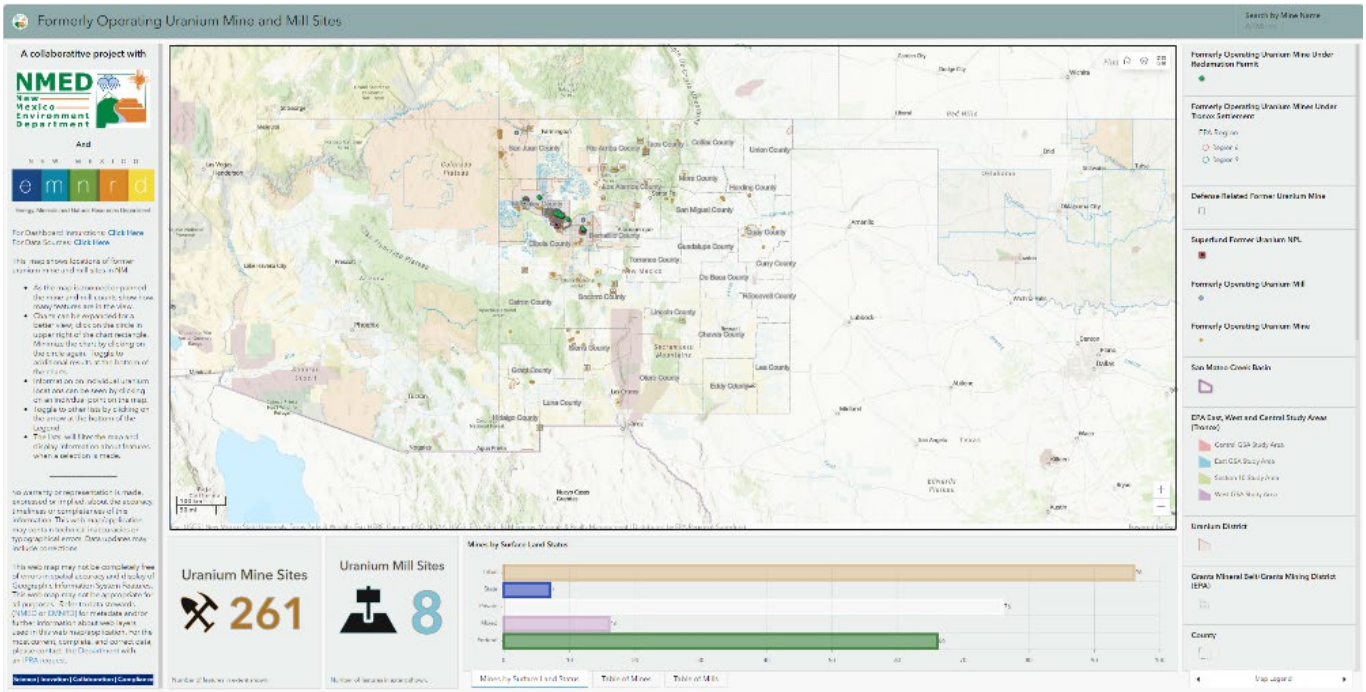
- **a.** NMED finalized the 2024 *Uranium Reclamation Strategic Plan* in conjunction with all listed agencies of HB 164 and the Office of the State Engineer.
- **b.** An updated *2026 Uranium Reclamation Strategic Plan* is in progress.
- **c.** A search for Potentially Responsible Persons for neglected uranium mines.

(2) Centralized Data Repository

The Act charges NMED to "d*evelop, maintain, and update on a regular basis a centralized repository of uranium mine and mill sites and reclamation activities*." Activities below represent efforts to that end.

- **a.** NMED, in partnership with the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department's (EMNRD) Mining and Minerals Division (MMD), released the first iteration of an interactive web mapping tool to increase information access on formerly operating uranium mine and mill sites across New Mexico in January 2024. The *Formerly Operating Uranium Mine and Mill Sites dashboard* summarizes basic mine and mill site information, any relevant regulatory action under the two agencies' permitting tracks and displays information for all other sites and federal agencies where available. Information will be updated annually.
- **b.** Pop-up windows for sites contain basic information as well as relevant links to site-specific resources located on NMED, Department of Energy (DOE), Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) site-specific websites.
- **c.** The information can be overlaid with land ownership information, legislative districts, mining district boundaries, and other helpful contextual layers that can be toggled on and off.
- **d.** The dashboard will continue to be updated on a regular basis after its public release to incorporate new information as it becomes available. This year over 15 new documents have been linked to various uranium mine and mill sites on the dashboard, including site-specific reports related to assessments, surveys, and reclamation.
- **e.** A new streamlined data collection tool was developed for field staff to upload photos, radiation data, and location data to the dashboard.

f. The dashboard has received over 15,000 views since it launched in January 2024.



Screenshot of the Formerly Operating Uranium Mine and Mill Sites dashboard

(3) Consultation and Coordination

The Act requires NMED to "*establish an effective mechanism for consultation and coordination with the federal government; Indian nations, tribes, and pueblos; communities impacted by uranium mining; and other states on uranium mine and mill reclamation activities*." Activities below represent efforts to that end performed by the Uranium Mine Reclamation Coordinators.

a. **Table 1** below shows coordination by NMED and EMNRD Uranium Mine Reclamation Coordinators with federal agencies, tribes and pueblos, and communities impacted by uranium mining and milling activities. Effective consultation and coordination are integral to all aspects of HB 164 implementation. Table 1 does not capture the entirety of NMED and EMNRD efforts but provides distinct examples demonstrating the nature of the work.

Table 1.

Coordination	NMED Coordinator comments/actions	EMNRD Coordinator comments/actions
Coordination with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)	• Defense-Related Uranium Mines program work on federal lands. Assisting with coordination of site access to uranium sites. • Initial conversations on potential data sharing for radiation mapping for New Mexico at various scales.	• Participated in the relevant stakeholder consultation to define DOE jurisdiction within Tronox Mines. • Adopted versions of DOE-DRUM data (V and V reports and others) as the base data for planning and completion of preliminary uranium mine site assessment and investigation with an emphasis on site ranking and prioritization.
Coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	• EPA - Region 6: Monthly status meetings regarding specific site reclamation statuses. • EPA - Office of Deserts, Mountains and Plains (OMDP) discussions on identifying Good Samaritan site in New Mexico.	• EPA - Region 6: Continued field visits and meetings regarding Tronox Superfund and waste repository work in the Ambrosia Lake area. Technical review and support for various Removal Site Evaluations, Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analyses, and risk assessments. • Technical support in defining end land use and relevant risk based clean up criteria. • Coordinate site inspections with relevant contractors. • EPA - Region 9: Continued field visits and meetings regarding Churchrock mine, Quivira, Section 32/33 cleanup and the Red Rocks Landfill repository option. Stakeholder consultations and participation in community meetings. Review of alternative clean up technology.
Coordination with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	• Attended virtual meetings on Homestake Mill site with co-regulating agencies (NRC, EPA, NMED).	• Homestake monthly progress updates • Still waiting for the NRC's jurisdictional determination on comingled waste on Rio Algom Mining LLC (RAML) property in Ambrosia Lake area.
Coordination with communities	• Held community meetings for the Red Bluff No. 1 and Schmidt Decline mine sites. • Submitted a letter of support for the UNM METALS program. • Held a ribbon-cutting event in Grants to celebrate the donation of historic mining equipment to the New Mexico Mining Museum.	• Jackpile community meeting in Laguna and Mine symposium conducted by UNM Metals Research Group. • Field visits to the Moe No. 4, Red Bluff No. 1, and Schmidt Decline mine sites. • Support public information sessions to inform communities in the Grants Mining District on plans and progress of multiple AUM projects. • Facilitate interactions with relevant landowners to negotiate access for mine sites targeted for preliminary site assessment or the necessary phased investigations.

Coordination with tribal communities	• Coordinated with NMED Tribal Liaison for additional matters, such as gaining access to sites located on tribal lands.	• Navajo Nation EPA: Continued field visits and meetings regarding Quivira, Section 32/33 cleanup and the Red Rocks Landfill repository option. • Support effort to facilitate site access through consultation with tribal communities; especially for AUM projects in remote locations

(4) Workforce Development

The Act requires NMED to "*work with the Economic Development Department, Workforce Solutions Department and industry to establish uranium mine and mill reclamation as a target economic development industry in New Mexico, including the creation, coordination and promotion of a worker training and business development programs for reclamation activities*." Activities below represent efforts to that end.

a. Coordination with the Economic Development Department

i. Economic Development Department listed Uranium Mine and Mill Reclamation as part of the "Sustainable & Green Energy" target industry in May 2023. They revised this in 2024 to designate Uranium Mine and Mill Reclamation as its own target industry.

ii. NMED responded to requests from EDD to discuss questions and comments from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

iii. Donation Event to the New Mexico Mining Museum in Grants: On June 18, 2026, NMED and its partners hosted a community event at the New Mexico Mining Museum in Grants to highlight first-year progress under the Abandoned Uranium Mine Land Cleanup Initiative and celebrate the donation of historic mining equipment from the Schmitt Decline Mine site. The event attracted approximately 90-100 attendees, including residents, business owners, government officials, contractors, and project partners. State and local officials (listed below) delivered remarks, while informational exhibits hosted by NMED, EMNRD, and NMED's six contractors highlighted cleanup efforts and promoted public awareness, interagency coordination, and community engagement.

a. New Mexico State Land Office Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard
b. House District 69 Representative Michele Pauline Abeyta
c. New Mexico Office of Natural Resources Trustee, Rebecca Roose
d. City of Grants Councilman George Garcia

b. Coordination with the Department of Workforce Solutions

i. NMED engaged Department of Workforce Solutions to administer federal funds for a pilot job training program hosted by San Juan College in Farmington, New Mexico. The three parties entered into a Memorandum of Understanding effective March 2024. The first pilot program was designed to help participants gain an understanding of the field and prepare them with skills to succeed in an environmental cleanup career. The participants will receive micro-credentials upon successful completion of each course.
ii. Funding for the program may be provided through Energy Transition Act funds for individuals impacted by the closing of the San Juan Generating Station in Farmington. Higher Education Department (HED) grant funding may also be available for individuals who do not qualify under any other funding.
iii. Funding for the program may also come from federal sources (Workforce, Innovation, and Opportunity Act) administered by the Department of Workforce Solutions and their sub-recipients and partners.
iv. Department of Workforce Solutions also conducted a Skills Matching Report (Appendix D of the Uranium Reclamation Strategic Plan) to determine if there is an existing New Mexico workforce with the skills needed to engage in an environmental cleanup career. They may update the data approximately every two years.
v. Department of Workforce Solutions supports recruitment efforts for uranium positions at NMED.

c. Coordination with Industry

i. NMED initiated reclamation projects with six contractors to address neglected uranium mines in the Grants Mining District. In FY2026, ENTACT LLC initiated and completed remedial construction at Red Bluff No. 1 mine. EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc., PBC (EA) initiated and completed remedial construction at the Schmitt Decline Mine. Work preparing sites for reclamation was initiated at multiple mine sites: Moe No. 4 (INTERA, Inc.), Red Point Mine (EA); Red Bluff No. 1 Complex which includes the T-20, Roundy Manol Strip, and Roundy Shaft mines (ENTACT), Silver Spur/Febco mines (Tetra Tech), Lost Mine (Parsons Transportation Group), and Chill Willis and Blackhawk Complex sites (Engineering/Remediation Resources Group-Los Alamos Technical Associates–Joint Venture). Many of these sites are expected to initiate cleanup action in FY2027. Much of the work is being completed by local New Mexico based staff and using local subcontractors where possible.

ii. AUML StoryMap Website: NMED worked with contractor EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC (a local public benefit company) to develop and maintain a public-facing GIS-based website including an overview landing page and individual pages for abandoned uranium mine sites with active investigation and reclamation efforts underway. This website will be expanded to include program wide updates, and work progress at current and future mine cleanups. The below QR code and website direct audiences to an easily accessible landing page. Contractors for the individual sites also utilize QR codes to their specific pages to help inform the public. The interactive website provides an engaging and information experience for the public.

https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/7f87b4a2e51742ba95aa2f28796303e3/page/Program-Overview

d. Other Workforce Development Activities by NMED

i. Hired a Senior Geoscientist

ii. Hired a Senior Business Operations Analyst

iii. Coordinated professional training, 'Environmental Health Physics 101,' for NMED and EMNRD staff.

iv. Letter of Support: On August 28, 2026, NMED provided a letter of support for the University of New Mexico's Metals Exposure and Toxicity Assessment on Tribal Lands in the Southwest (METALS) Superfund Research Center renewal application. The letter reaffirmed NMED's ongoing collaboration with METALS to advance research, strengthen community engagement, and support uranium mine reclamation efforts. This continued partnership provides opportunities to share scientific knowledge, improve understanding of the environmental and health impact of legacy uranium mining, and inform future cleanup strategies. The collaboration also supports workforce development by introducing students and trainees, including those from Southwestern Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) to environmental research and reclamation activities through internships and hands-on learning opportunities. Continued cooperation will help strengthen community relationships, advance environmental protection efforts, and prepare the next generation of professionals working in uranium mine reclamation.

v. The RemFest Albuquerque: NMED helped organize the conference and presented a program update at the RemFest Albuquerque event on May 7, 2026, a regional environmental and geoscience conference where practitioners collaborate, share knowledge, and advance remediation and sustainable solutions. The free event brought together more than 100 regulators, consultants, contractors, students, professors, and laboratory representatives.

(5) NMED and EMNRD's Reclamation Activities

a. **Table 2** below shows activities related to formerly operating mines under State permit performed by Mining Environmental Compliance Section of NMED and by the Mining and Minerals Division of EMNRD. For detailed site reviews: *www.env.nm.gov/former-mines-mills/*.

Table 2.

Site Name	NMED (Mining Environmental Compliance Section) comments/actions	EMNRD (Mining and Minerals Division) comments/actions
Church Rock Mine	See Table 3, Church Rock Mine and Mill. *www.env.nm.gov/former-mines-mills/home/church-rock-mine-site-review/*	
JJ No. 1 Mine	NMED reviewed quarterly water level monitoring and semi-annual water quality sampling conducted across five groundwater monitoring wells as part of ongoing monitoring. NMED approved the Stage 2 Abatement Plan in October 2023. NMED has finished reviewing the Stage 2 Abatement Report and reclamation activities under MMD and issued a letter on June 26, 2025 recommending the Permittee submit a formal, written petition to NMED ahead of submittal to the WQCC seeking approval of Alternate Abatement Standards (AASs). NMED issued a letter on June 15, 2026, acknowledging receipt and review of the draft AAS petition and expressing its support for the petition's consideration by the WQCC in the future. *www.env.nm.gov/former-mines-mills/home/jj-no-1-mine-site-review/*	MMD is currently in the final stages of public participation for the release of this site. A final release inspection will be held in fall of 2026, and the site will more than likely be released from the New Mexico Mining Act in winter 2026 or spring 2027.
Mount Taylor Mine	Rio Grande Resources Corporation (RGR) submitted a renewal and modification application for DP-61 on May 14, 2020. A draft discharge permit has been completed in 2024 but additional information from RGR was requested. NMED is performing a technical review of the application, and once NMED deems the application technically complete, NMED will update the draft discharge permit and submit it to the public	MMD is still processing an application from RGR to revise the permit with an updated Closure/Closeout Plan, to accommodate the expansion of the South Waste Rock Pile/Disposal Cell; and the closure designs for the two main production shafts. MMD is processing the application under Revision 22-1. A third round of Agency comments have been submitted to RGR.

Site Name	NMED (Mining Environmental Compliance Section) comments/actions	EMNRD (Mining and Minerals Division) comments/actions
	for review, comment, and the opportunity for a hearing. Office of the State Engineer (OSE) has been closely involved with NMED's closure plan for the shafts and legacy dewatering wells. RGR conducted a site investigation in 2026 under NMED oversight, installing 15 groundwater monitoring wells and advancing 15 soil borings to further delineate the extent of soil and groundwater contamination at the site. RGR will submit a final site investigation summary report to NMED by the end of 2026. NMED continues to work with MMD in reviewing an updated Closure/Closeout Plan. *www.env.nm.gov/former-mines-mills/mt-taylor-mine-site-review/*	RGR's response to comment was received around September 2026; and MMD is currently reviewing the updates as of October 2026. Discharge Pipeline Removal workplan was implemented. Radiological investigation of pipeline sections was completed, contaminated soils were removed, and a final status survey was completed to confirm clean up meets standards. MMD further provided approval for late season revegetation, which was completed as planned, earlier in 2026.
Rio Algom Mining LLC (RAML) Mines	Section 17, 22, 24, 30, 30W, 33, and 35 mines are under Discharge Permits 67, 71, 264, and 362 and are under groundwater monitoring programs. The tailings impoundments and adjacent areas are under DP-169 which also has a groundwater monitoring program. RAML is under Stage 1 groundwater abatement with NMED. NRC is determining their jurisdiction of areas comingled uranium mining and processing. In 2020, NMED and MMD worked with RAML to develop an interim Closure Plan. This plan updated the Financial Assurance and established general practices to be implemented at final closure once the jurisdictional determination from NRC is complete. NMED Discharge Permits will also be updated at that time. Currently NMED is working with RAML to update the Sampling and Analysis Plan for groundwater monitoring under all DPs *www.env.nm.gov/former-mines-mills/home/rio-algom-mines-site-review/*	The Old Stope Leach Permit, MMD Permit No. MK009RE overlaps with NMED groundwater discharge permits and abatement, the EPA 6 Tronox settlement, and potential litigation in the San Mateo Creek Basin. MMD holds interim joint Financial Assurance with NMED in the amount of $89,918,000 based off an interim Closure/Closeout Plan. As Tronox work moves forward on these sites, those areas will be taken out of the Mining Act permit through modifications and revisions. NMED and MMD are participating in discussions regarding the Tronox settlement and NRC jurisdiction. In 2025, a stakeholder meeting was held with EPA, NRC, DOE, NMED and MMD to further address jurisdictional issues. In 2026, MMD completed additional inspection of this site to ensure that the current operator adheres to proper site containment and maintenance practices, pending further discussions on potential land use and redevelopment plans of the site. EPA recently confirmed plans to initiate a site wide Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA), to facilitate future reclamations and remediation to standards defined by EPA risk assessment criteria.

Site Name	NMED (Mining Environmental Compliance Section) comments/actions	EMNRD (Mining and Minerals Division) comments/actions
St. Anthony Mine	United Nuclear Corporation (UNC) submitted a Stage 2 Abatement Modification and revised Closure/Closeout Plan in 2022. NMED is evaluating the environmental protectiveness of the 90% Design CCP and if it supports issuing an Environmental Determination to MMD. Discussions on how to address SWQB concerns are ongoing *www.env.nm.gov/former-mines-mills/home/st-anthony-mine-site-review/*	MMD has issued a Technically Complete Letter on the 90% Design of the Closure/Closeout Plan. Additionally, MMD has requested a conditional Environmental Determination from NMED so that UNC can move forward in the process by providing an updated cost estimate to be held as Financial Assurance for this site until it is reclaimed. MMD is awaiting the conditional Environmental Determination from NMED.
Section 12 Mine	NMED serves as a consulting agency to EMNRD on the Section 12 Mine but does not regulate the site. In 2024 NMED participated in calls with MMD and the Responsible Party. *www.env.nm.gov/former-mines-mills/section-12-mine-site-review/*	The Section 12 Mine is currently under reclamation through a Director's Order with MMD which was signed in January 2020. Due to loss in assets in the trust, the 2021 approved drawings had to be modified. The latest versions of the Reclamation Plan and the Construction Drawings were submitted August 2024. In Fall 2026, the operator plans to start reclamation on the site, MMD will be present to provide necessary project management support.
Section 27 Mine	MMD and NMED sent a joint letter in October 2022 requesting the supplemental Closeout Plan that follows current uranium cleanup guidance and NMED requested a Stage 2 Abatement Plan Proposal. UNC responded to the joint letter in December 2022. The surface reclamation requests by MMD were agreed upon. The NMED Abatement Plan Proposal will require more discussion. UNC submitted a Supplemental Characterization Workplan in October 2023. A revised workplan was submitted in May 2024 and approved by NMED and MMD. UNC is currently conducting the supplemental characterization work. www.env.nm.gov/former-mines-mills/home/section-27-mine-site-review/ In October 2025, UNC initiated surficial and subsurface radiological investigations at three mines adjacent to Section 27 Mine. In 2026, UNC provided a report of the radiological and archeological investigations. MMD reviewed the radiological reports and encouraged UNC to start working on a reclamation and closure plan.	

b. **Table 3** below shows activities related to formerly operating mills under State permit performed by Mining Environmental Compliance Section of NMED and by the Mining and Minerals Division of EMNRD.

Table 3.

Site Name	NMED (Mining Environmental Compliance Section) comments/actions	EMNRD (Mining and Minerals Division) comments/actions
Ambrosia Lake West Mill	Under Nuclear Regulatory Commission and NMED regulatory action, Rio Algom Mining LLC (RAML) conducts radon monitoring and groundwater monitoring at the site.	EMNRD does not regulate Ambrosia Lake West mill sites but can provide technical assistance to NMED upon request.

Site Name	NMED (Mining Environmental Compliance Section) comments/actions	EMNRD (Mining and Minerals Division) comments/actions
	www.env.nm.gov/former-mines-mills/home/ambrosia-lake-west-mill-site-review/	
Ambrosia Lake (Phillips) Mill	DOE Legacy Management is the primary regulator and manager of the site and monitors disposal cell performance in accordance with NMED regulations and processes, and NRC general license provisions. www.env.nm.gov/former-mines-mills/ambrosia-lake-disposal-site-review/	EMNRD does not regulate Ambrosia Lake (Phillips) mill sites but can provide technical assistance to NMED upon request.
Bluewater Mill	NMED worked with DOE Legacy Management in 2025-2026 to install five new groundwater monitoring wells in the San-Andres Glorietta aquifer to further delineate the extent of groundwater contamination at the site. NMED provides technical support to DOE Legacy Management on site monitoring and repair activities. www.env.nm.gov/former-mines-mills/home/bluewater-mill-site-review/	EMNRD does not regulate the Bluewater mill site but can provide technical assistance to NMED upon request.
Church Rock Mine and Mill	The NRC made a final licensing decision in February 2023 to permit placing the mine waste within the mill tailings disposal area. NMED signed the final Consent Decree issued January 2026 with EPA, NRC, UNC-GE, and Navajo Nation EPA on the design and implementation of disposing uranium mine waste on the tailings impoundment. www.env.nm.gov/former-mines-mills/home/church-rock-mill-site-review/	EMNRD does not regulate the Church Rock mill site but can provide technical assistance to NMED upon request.
Homestake Mill	NMED assisted EPA in updating background radiation levels surrounding the site in a June 2023 study. NMED began working with EPA on a 2024-2025 technical dual-domain study on the back-diffusion of groundwater constituents. NMED provided EPA with final comments on the Dual Domain Study Final Report on July 24, 2026, expressing concerns that the report's conclusions may not be adequately supported by the underlying data. NMED conducted site inspections, attended meetings with local communities, NGOs, NRC and EPA. NMED also conducted water sampling under a cooperative agreement with DOE for downgradient communities of the Bluewater and Homestake mills. In early 2026 DOE, NMED, EPA, and NRC participated in an audit of Homestake's Groundwater Flow and Contaminant Transport Model in WA DC. NMED also	EMNRD does not regulate mill sites but can provide technical assistance to NMED upon request.

Site Name	NMED (Mining Environmental Compliance Section) comments/actions	EMNRD (Mining and Minerals Division) comments/actions
	provided comments to EPA on Homestake's recent Waste Management Area (WMA) proposal, indicating that the available technical information does not support expanding the proposed WMA to encompass the entire groundwater plume. NMED will also be focusing on renewing Discharge Permit 200 (DP-200) for the Homestake site in 2027. *www.env.nm.gov/former-mines-mills/home/homestake-mill-site-review/*	
L-Bar Mill	NMED provided technical assistance to DOE Legacy Management, the primary regulator and manager of the site. *www.env.nm.gov/former-mines-mills/home/l-bar-mill-site-review/*	EMNRD does not regulate L- Bar Mill Site but can provide technical assistance to NMED upon request.

c. **Table 4** below shows activities related to abandoned uranium mine sites initiated by the Office of Strategic Initiatives of NMED and by the Mining and Minerals Division of EMNRD.

Site Name	NMED/EMNRD Activities
Red Bluff No. 1 (state trust land parcel)	NMED initiated work with consultant (ENTACT, LLC) in July 2025. Data collection, mapping, sampling, and field study work were completed by December 2025. A publicly available story map detailing the project was published. The Alternatives Analysis/Feasibility Report was submitted in February 2026. The reclamation approach and closure plan were approved by the State Land Office in April 2026. The contractor mobilized in May of 2026 and completed reclamation by end of June 2026. Final reporting will be completed in FY2027.
Schmitt Decline Mine	NMED initiated work with consultant (EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC) in July 2025. Data collection, mapping, sampling, and field studies were completed by December 2025. A publicly available story map detailing the project was published. The reclamation approach and closure plan were approved by the State Land Office in January 2026. Construction began in May 2026, with radiation risk mitigation completed before the close of the fiscal year. In June 2026, NMED and EMNRD worked with SLO to donate historic mining equipment found on site to the New Mexico Mining Museum in Grants and held a public event to commemorate work to date and the donation. Final reporting will be completed in FY2027.
Moe No. 4	NMED initiated work with consultant (INTERA, Inc.) in July 2025. Initial field surveys, including topographical, LiDAR, biological, and cultural resources surveys, began in September 2025. Geophysical data collection was completed in December 2025, and a publicly available story map detailing the project was published. In January 2026, multi-agency approval was received for intrusive sampling within the waste characterization area, potential borrow source, and potential disposal cell area. Geotechnical drilling and surface and subsurface soil sampling were conducted to support site characterization and remediation planning. By the end of FY2026, INTERA had drafted the Stage 2 Characterization report; was completing

Site Name	NMED/EMNRD Activities
	ongoing laboratory analysis; and developing an initial draft development of Feasibility and Alternatives Assessment report.
Lost Mine	NMED initiated work with consultant (Parsons) in August 2025. A publicly available story map detailing the project provides additional information about the site and ongoing investigations. A Stage 1 Assessment Work Plan was finalized in November 2025, followed by completion of Stage 1 assessment fieldwork at Lost Mine. The Stage 1 Report was finalized, and the Stage 2 Work Plan was approved. Stage 2 fieldwork was completed in March 2026, including investigation activities and collection of LiDAR data. By the end of the fiscal year, biological and cultural resources investigations were ongoing, and the Stage 2 Characterization report was in development.
Blackhawk Complex Mines	NMED initiated work with consultant (ERRG-LATA JV) in August 2025 at the Blackhawk Complex Mines, which includes Last Chance, Section 9, Red Bluff Nos. 1-5, 7-10, Blackhawk and Bunney, and Gay Eagle mines. Initial site visits were conducted to assess access, verify mine features, and collect preliminary gamma radiation data. A publicly available story map detailing the project provides additional information about the mine complex and ongoing investigations. In December 2025, sampling and field investigation plans were finalized, along with community engagement, public involvement, and health and safety plans. Stage 2 field investigations were conducted, including radiological surveys, limited soil sampling, and data analysis and validation. By the end of the fiscal year, ERRG-LATA drafted the Stage 2 Investigation Report and Cleanup and Analysis and Proposal for Alternative Methods of Disposal Report.
Chill Willis	NMED initiated work with consultant (ERRG-LATA Joint Venture) in August 2025. Initial site investigations included a site walk and assessment of the mine features, access conditions, and preliminary gamma radiation data. A publicly available story map detailing the project provides additional information about the site and ongoing investigations. Sampling, community engagement, and public involvement plans were submitted, and Stage 2 investigations were conducted, including gamma radiation surveys, soil sampling, and preparation for biological and cultural resource surveys. By the end of FY2026, ERRG-LATA had drafted the Stage 2 Investigation Report and the Cleanup Analysis and Proposal for Alternative Methods of Disposal Report (Feasibility Study).
T-20 Mine	NMED initiated work with consultant (Tetra Tech) in August 2025. Initial activities included a site visit, preliminary walkover radiological survey, and development of a draft Site Assessment Work Plan. In December 2025, an area of potential effect was submitted and approved for cultural and biological resource surveys. T-20 was also selected as a potentially suitable site for the Good Samaritan Pilot Program, which would follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. In FY2026, Stage 1 assessment field investigations were completed, including site visits, cultural resource assessments, and preparation of assessment reports. A draft Cultural Resource Assessment Report and draft Stage 1 Site Assessment Report were submitted in March 2026.
Roundy Shaft, Roundy Manol Strip Mines	NMED initiated work with consultant (ENTACT) in July 2025. Initial field investigations began in September 2025 and included site assessments, mapping, and environmental surveys.

Site Name	NMED/EMNRD Activities
Silver Spur/Febco Mines	NMED initiated work with consultant (Tetra Tech) in November 2025. Initial activities included a site visit to assess mine access, verify mine features, and collect preliminary gamma radiation data. Additional site assessments were conducted, including coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), site access, evaluation of multiple access routes, and a preliminary walkover radiological survey. The APE was drafted based on multiple access points.
Red Point Mine	NMED initiated work with consultant (EA) in November 2025. Initial activities included a project kickoff meeting and field investigations to assess site conditions, including LiDAR, biological, and cultural resource surveys. A Public Involvement Plan and Community Relations Plan were completed in November 2025. During FY2026, Stage 2 investigation activities were conducted, including field investigations and supplemental biological and cultural resource surveys. The final Stage 2 Uranium Mine Site Investigation Report Work Plan was submitted in March 2026.

Section 2: Activities in Uranium Reclamation Undertaken by EMNRD/MMD

Pursuant NMSA 1978 § 9-5A-11, EMNRD's Uranium Mine Reclamation Coordinator performed the following activities:

(1) Strategic Plan
Working closely with NMED in updating the 2026 *Uranium Reclamation Strategic Plan*.

(2) Centralized Data Repository and Dashboard
- **a.** Worked with the NMED Uranium Mine Reclamation Coordinator and IT personnel to maintain the current version of the data repository and associated dashboard of *Formerly Operating Uranium Mine and Mill Sites*.
- **b.** Worked to grow the data repository, site inventory, site reclamation statuses, and associated dashboard of *Formerly Operating Uranium Mine and Mill Sites*.

(3) Consultation and Coordination
See Table 1. Table content represents coordination or consultation performed by the Uranium Mine Reclamation Coordinator and does not present all work performed by the Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) section of EMNRD which permits and enforces all reclamation work for sites with an identified Responsible Party.

(4) MOA - In 2025, NMED and the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources, Mining and Minerals Division (EMNRD), entered into a Memorandum of Agreement establishing cooperative procedures to accomplish safeguarding, remedial design and remedial action oversight of abandoned uranium mines (AUMs). This comes in the form of coordination on landowner access agreements, technical issues and environmental compliance.

(5) EMNRD-Permitted Mine Sites in Reclamation
See Table 2 (mines) and Table 3 (mills).

The **New Mexico Abandoned Mine Land Program** (NM AML), part of the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) Mining and Minerals Division (MMD), provides

technical direction, cultural resources management, NEPA guidance, and input on NMED's uranium reclamation effort. The NM AML Program has been safeguarding and reclaiming abandoned mines in New Mexico for over 40 years and are applying their experience to the abandoned uranium mine effort. Their technical team consists of professional engineers, archaeologists, geologists, water resource professionals, and biologists who provide direct input on abandoned uranium project direction, direct NMED contractors, review project technical deliverables, and provide support for field activities, including sampling and construction.

Section 3: Activities in Uranium Reclamation Undertaken by Coordinating Agencies

The **New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs** (NMDCA) and the State Historic Preservation Officer reviews state and federal undertakings that have the potential to affect historic properties in compliance with state cultural property statutes and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. In 2026, NMDCA participated in multi-agency conversations. Three applicable projects were submitted for review; Schmitt Decline, T-20, and Moe No. 4.

The **New Mexico Department of Wildlife** (NMDOW) provides technical guidance for reclamation projects focusing on recommendations for ways to avoid or minimize potential impacts to wildlife during reclamation activities and on how to improve and enhance wildlife habitat within the reclamation site. In 2026, the NMDOW consulted with NMED and EMNRD on the Section 12 and JJ No. 1 mine permits. NMDOW also attended site visits with EMNRD. NMDOW also reviewed BA/BEs and attended site inspections with the MMD AML Program for Moe No. 4, Red Bluff No. 1, Red Point, Schmitt Decline and T-20 uranium reclamation projects.

The **New Mexico Department of Health** (NMDOH) coordinates with NMED to conduct well water sampling events for general analyte testing and refers uranium or radioactive elemental testing requests to NMED. In 2026, there were seven water fairs around the state. NMDOH also reviewed the Annual Report. NMDOH coordinates with NMED and the EPA on Superfund sites, including Homestake Mining Site in Milan, NM. They have attended EPA Superfund meetings and fielded health related questions to the impacts from uranium mines.

The **New Mexico Department of Transportation** (DOT) may support the Uranium Mine Cleanup Initiative by conducting structural weight analyses, posting traffic and awareness signage, and providing technical document reviews. While the department had no projects to review in 2026 due to a lack of permit submissions and the Red Bluff No. 1 waste disposal fell below regulatory limits, New Mexico DOT will actively issue permits and enforce transport restrictions as soon as future reclamation projects scale up and cross required volume or radioactivity thresholds.
The **New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions** (DWS) supports the Uranium Mine Cleanup Initiative by applying its existing programs to partner agency efforts, including, but not limited to, NMED and EMNRD. DWS promotes uranium reclamation careers for unemployed and underemployed workers to aid in relevant training program availability and workforce readiness. Additionally, DWS coordinates with agencies to fund job training and recruitment programs to aid industries, higher education institutions, and local governments in supporting uranium cleanup opportunities. In 2026, DWS supported NMED through recruitment for new job openings.

The **New Mexico Indian Affairs Department** (IAD) supports the Uranium Mine Cleanup Initiative by assisting with consultation, collaboration and communication as per the State Tribal Collaborations Act. In 2024 IAD contributed to review of the draft Strategic Plan and the draft Annual Report. In 2026 IAD worked to connect state agency partners with the Navajo Nation EPA, in order to facilitate access to Navajo trust lands considered for pilot projects. Moving forward the IAD Tribal Environmental Justice Specialist will continue to work to ensure expanded outreach, engagement and collaboration with the Nations, Tribes, Pueblos, Indigenous peoples and stakeholders.

The **Office of Natural Resources Trustee** (ONRT) supports the Uranium Mine Cleanup Initiative by collaborating on the analysis and sharing of data used to measure impacts of uranium mills and mines on New Mexico's natural resources. In addition, ONRT collaborates with State, Tribal, and Federal entities on natural resource restoration activities when funds are available. ONRT serves as Lead Administrative Trustee for the Rio Algom Mining, LLC and UNC Church Rock assessments. In FY26, ONRT continued to collaborate with its partners on uranium-related natural resource damage assessments and brought additional technical expertise to ongoing natural resource damage claims and assessments. More broadly in the Grants Mining District, ONRT initiated a strategy that is already advancing resolution of decades of unchecked natural resource injuries associated with former uranium mines and mills.

The **Office of the State Engineer** (OSE) supports the Uranium Mine Cleanup Initiative by implementing institutional controls on well drilling where appropriate, issuing well permits associated with uranium reclamation, restoration, and remediation in cooperation with NMED's efforts to protect human health and the environment, and regulating the issuance of well drilling permits. Additionally, OSE approves all well drilling and plugging plans within the state of New Mexico. In 2026 OSE expedited permitting for drilling and plugging investigation boreholes at the Moe No. 4 and Red Bluff No. 1 mines.

The **State Land Office** (NMSLO) supports the Uranium Mine Cleanup Initiative by coordinating on compliance issues and reclamation standards, oversight of archaeological and biological surveys, and participating in public outreach and meetings regarding former uranium mines on State Trust Lands. NMSLO collaborates in discussions with EPA Region 6, NMED, and EMNRD regarding uranium contamination on state trust lands (Section 2 and 36) in the Ambrosia Lake subdistrict and other regions as appropriate. In 2026 NMSLO provided all site access agreements (Right of Entry, Right to Traverse) necessary to begin assessment and cleanup of three mines: Moe No. 4, Red Bluff No. 1, and Schmitt Decline mines. NMSLO provided direct input regarding the final reclamation closeout method for the mine waste on state trust lands. NMSLO provided direct input on the next group of sites to be investigated and reclaimed by this program.

Most significantly, Commissioner Garcia Richard issued Executive Order 2026-002 Prohibition on New Uranium Leasing, which prohibits new uranium leases on state trust lands and affirms NMSLO's position that legacy sites should be fully reclaimed before new mining activities are authorized.

Section 4: Spending in Preceding Fiscal Year

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In fiscal year 2026 (FY26; July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026), for appropriations supported the planning, administration, and oversight of uranium reclamation and cleanup.

- Senate Bill 1 (2022 SS), Section 6 (G)(4) - for planning, administration, and oversight of uranium mine remediation and cleanup.
    - Budget: $50,000
    - Expended: $50,000 (100%)
    - Recurring appropriation
- Senate Bill 1 (2022 SS), Section 15 (I)(2) - for planning, administration, and oversight of uranium mine remediation and cleanup.
    - Budget: $360,000
    - Expended: $360,000 (100%)
    - Recurring appropriation
- House Bill 2 (2025 Regular), Section 5, Special Appropriations, Section 5 (203) for the investigation and remediation of neglected contaminated sites for expenditure in FY26.
    - Budget: $12,000,000 (of the $20,000,000 appropriated for neglected contaminated sites)
    - Expended: $10,370,685.09 (86%) was expended for assessment, survey and/or reclamation of neglected uranium mines with no viable responsible party.
    - Additional funds were expended for outside legal counsel for the identification of potentially responsible parties.
    - Extended to expire at the end of FY27. All remaining funds will be expended by June 30, 2027.
- Laws 2026, Chapter 67, Section 5(192): Uranium Mine Reclamation Revolving Fund (UMRRF)
    - Budget: $20,000,000 appropriation into the UMRRF
    - Encumbered: $10,666,787.15 for expenditure in FY27.
    - Expiration: None for revolving funds.

A total of 100%, or $410,000, of the recurring funds were used in FY26 to support uranium mine reclamation efforts, including expenditures for personnel, contracts, vehicles, equipment, travel, training, and outreach.

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In FY26, one appropriation supported the planning, administration, and oversight of uranium reclamation and cleanup.

- Senate Bill 1 (2022 SS), Section 14 (C)(6) - for planning, administration, and oversight of uranium mine remediation and cleanup
    - Budget: $180,000
    - Expended: $180,000 (100%)
    - Recurring appropriation

A total of 100% of the funding available was used in FY26 to support uranium mine reclamation efforts, including expenditures for personnel, equipment, professional contracts, supervision, oversight, and travel. Contractor-related spending began in FY24 and is expected to continue through FY28 through four-year professional service contracts executed in FY24.

Section 5: Uranium Mine Reclamation Revolving Fund

The Act created the Uranium Mine Reclamation Revolving Fund. In the 2026 legislative session, $20,000,000 was appropriated into this fund, and approximately half of the amount is expected to be spent on neglected uranium mine reclamation in FY27.

Deposits to the fund may be used for cleanup activities including site assessments, cultural and biological surveys, safeguarding, surface reclamation, revegetation, and groundwater remediation, where appropriate. Pursuant the Act, deposits can be from "appropriations, gifts, grants, donations and money received by the department of environment or the energy, minerals and natural resources department from the federal government or other state agencies and other sources for conducting uranium mine and mill reclamation activities."

Section 6: Special FY26 Fund for Neglected Contaminated Site Cleanup

- House Bill 2 (2025 Regular) Section 5, Special Appropriations, (203) for the investigation and remediation of neglected contaminated sites for expenditure in FY2026 allowed for a $20M appropriation over one fiscal year, expiring June 30, 2026. However, a request for a one-year extension was granted. All $12M assigned to go toward neglected uranium mine cleanups will be expended by June 30, 2027.
- A multi-agency effort identified multiple pre-prioritization sites for neglected uranium mine cleanup projects. The New Mexico SLO, NMED, EMNRD, OSE, NMDCA, DFA, and GSD coordinated efforts to ensure the cleanups began in July 2025. All other listed agencies are informed and consulted as needed or during recurring biannual uranium reclamation meetings.
- Multiple priority sites identified include the Moe No. 4, Chill Willis, and Red Bluff No. 1 Complex mines (which includes: Red Bluff No. 1 private parcel, Roundy Manol Strip, Roundy Shaft, and T-20 mines). Additional sites have been identified for FY27 cleanup.
- Cleanup will be dependent on available funding between the special appropriations and UMRRF funds described above. Otherwise, recurring funding for contractors in future years is limited to a total of $127,000 annually.