

Navajo Abandoned Uranium Mine

Site Screen Report

This form is for use at the site of abandoned uranium mines (AUM) located on Navajo Nation lands. Applicable sites include all mine and mine features that have or have not undergone reclamation by the Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program, including features, adits, pits and waste piles. Applicable sites also include all AUM sites listed in the USEPA CERCLIS database, all sites listed in the 2008 AUM GIS Report issued by USACOE and USEPA, all AUM sites on allotment lands associated with the Navajo Nation, and any and all AUM sites not listed in any database located on Navajo lands. Reconnaissance of any sites located on lands adjacent to Navajo lands that may be impacting Navajo lands will need to be coordinated with the authorities appropriate to those lands.

The purpose of the form is to ascertain the status and location of the identified AUM site, and record all immediate site information associated with the mine site. Decisions and recommendations on what additional steps are needed will be provided on a separate document.

Mine Name: Charles Huskon No. 12

Mine ID: 119

Navajo AUM Western Region

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Part I Site Identification, Location and Status

Site Names and ID numbers as applicable

Mine ID: 119

Map ID: W38

CERCLIS: NNN000909208

Navajo Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program: NA-0125

Local name / Aliases: Charles Huskon #12; Huskon #12; Huskon No. 12

Chapter and local area: Coalmine Mesa

County: Coconino **State:** Arizona

Lat/Long: 35.8963409848 N / -111.421279133 W

Nearby road and highway: US-89 **Local Post Office:** Cameron, AZ

Surface Land Status: check one or more and provide ownership and contact information below

Tribal Trust Land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public lands	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tribal Fee Land	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bureau of Land Mgmt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Allotment	<input type="checkbox"/>
State	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fee land	<input type="checkbox"/>

Subsurface Mineral Rights:

No information on subsurface mineral rights ownership was found in the EPA/AUM Database.

Claim and operator information:

The mine surface land status is classified as Tribal Trust Land. Historical documents identified the operator of the mine as Arrowhead Uranium Company in 1954, and Rare Metals Corporation of America from 1956 to 1961. No additional historical ownership / lease information was identified in the EPA / AUM database.

Number of residential structures within 200 feet of mine: None

Part II Summary of Radiological Readings

Mine ID: 119

Highest gamma radiation measurement: 999,960 counts per minute (cpm)

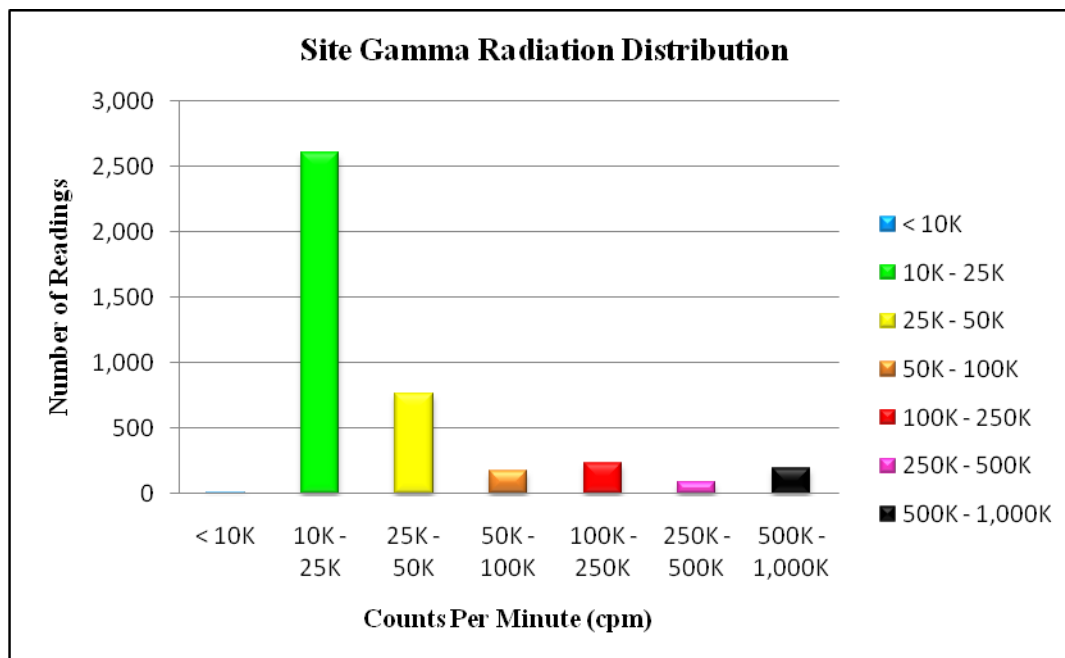
Background Average: 11,493 cpm **Two Times Background:** 22,986 cpm

Describe any other radiological measurements:

A total of 4,045 gamma radiation measurements were collected from the mine site, ranging from 8,927 cpm to 999,960 cpm. Measurements collected in the vicinity of the waste rock were found at a maximum level of approximately 1,000,000 cpm, and the reclamation area of approximately 200,000 cpm. The measurements are represented in Figures 1 and 2.

Distribution Chart and Statistics:

Site Gamma Radiation Statistics	
Number of Readings	4,045
Minimum (cpm)	8,927
Maximum (cpm)	999,960
Mean (cpm)	68,893
Median (cpm)	21,109
Standard Deviation	147,074



Part III Status of Reclamation and Mine Waste

Mine ID: 119

The following information was obtained from the Navajo Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program (NAMLRP) Point Features Database:

NAMLRP Status of the mine site: Reclaimed: Yes Waste Pile onsite: No

NAMLRP Project Number: NA-0125

NAMLRP Mine features: 1 Rim Strip / Pit

The following information was obtained from field observations collected during the 2011 site screening:

Provide description and status of all mine sites and features at site. Include all waste piles, adits, pits and other features, and indicate whether they are open, closed, covered, capped, buried or unreclaimed. Indicate approximate size, shape and extent, including description of any reclamation caps. Note condition of all caps.

Observed reclamation work and status:

Adits:

None observed

Waste Piles:

Waste rock pile, 20'dia x 5'h

Pits:

None observed

Shafts:

None observed

Other Debris and Mine Features:

Possible reclamation cap, grey material

Part IV Site Observations and Environs

Observed Residential Structures (number and human habitation status of structures at the following distances from the mine site):

0 to 200 feet: None observed

200 feet to 0.25 mile: Mud structure 350 ft E of site; corral 350 ft N of site; 5 housing compounds within 0.25 mi NE of site

Observed Public or Commercial Structures (schools, clinics, Chapter Houses, places of business and any other structures used by members of the community at the following distances from the mine site):

0 to 200 feet: None observed

200 feet to 0.25 mile: None observed

Levels measured around the perimeter(s) of the identified structure(s):

Background levels

Observed Water Sources (number and type of wells and surface water sources that are potentially used for human consumption at the following distances from the mine site):

0 to 0.25 miles: None observed

0.25 miles to 4 miles: Seasonal tributary to Little Colorado River approximately 0.5 mi W of site, Little Colorado River approximately 1.25 mi S of site

Sensitive Environments (all sensitive environments located within visible range of the mine site, including: wetlands, endangered species, habitats and approximate locations of sites that may be under protection of the government of the Navajo Nation):

None observed

Known Site History (information from interviews with Chapter officials and residents and database review, includes: mine ownership, type of mining operation, period of operation, known amount of production, and any other information provided):

The Charles Huskon No. 12 mine claim consists of an area of 52,883.23 m². The mine was identified as being operational from 1954 to 1961. While operational, the mine had a total reported production volume of 1,780 tons. The mine surface land status is classified as Tribal Trust Land. Historical documents identified the operator of the mine as Arrowhead Uranium Company in 1954, and Rare Metals Corporation of America from 1956 to 1961. No additional historical ownership / lease information was identified in the EPA / AUM database.

Part V Response Action Summary

Summary of Evaluation Factors:

Accessibility:

Was the mine easily accessible to potential human activity?

Yes

Radiological Measurements:

Were any gamma radiation measurements collected at the mine greater than two times the site-specific background levels?

Yes

Waste Piles:

Were any unreclaimed waste piles observed at the mine with gamma radiation measurements greater than two times the site-specific background levels?

Yes

Structures:

Were any structures observed within 200 feet of the mine?

No

Potential Drinking Water Sources:

Were any potential drinking water sources observed within 4 miles of the mine?

Yes

Reclamation:

Was the mine reported to be previously reclaimed, or did the mine appear to be reclaimed?

Yes

Part VI Photos



Photo 1: Mine Site #119



Photo 2: Mine Site #119



Photo 3: Mine Site #119



Photo 4: Mine Site #119;



Photo 5: Mine Site #119; Sweathouse immediately east of site



Photo 6: Mine Site #119; Corral and horse, immediately north of site



Photo 7: Mine Site #119; Nearby corral



Photo 8: Mine Site #119; Nearby homes



Photo 9: Mine Site #119; Nearby home



Photo 10: Mine Site #119; Nearby home



Photo 11: Mine Site #119; Nearby homes



Photo 12: Mine Site #119; Nearby home



Photo 13: Mine Site #119; Nearby sheep pen



Photo 14: Mine Site #119; Nearby home



Photo 15: Mine Site #119; Nearby home



Photo 16: Mine Site #119; Nearby horse corral

Part VII Contacts Reports and Information

Name: Eugene Esplain

Title or official role (if any): Navajo EPA Superfund Program

Telephone number: (928) 871-7331

Address: PO Box 2946, Window Rock, AZ 86515

Information provided: Lead Regulatory Agency

Name: _____

Title or official role (if any): _____

Telephone number: _____

Address: _____

Information provided: _____

Name: _____

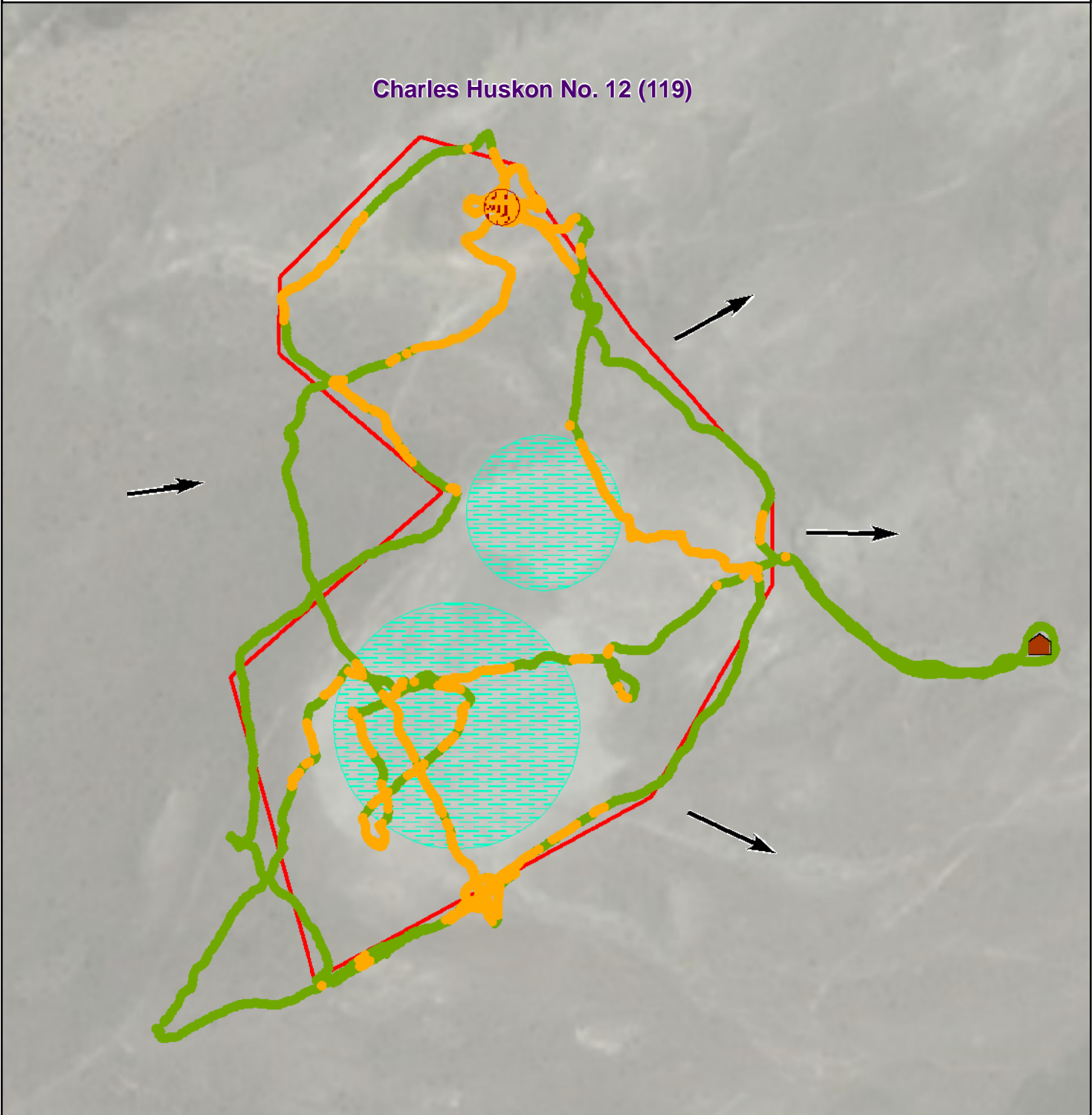
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Telephone number: _____

Address: _____

Information provided: _____

**Figure 1 - Gamma Radiation Measurements, Above Two Times Background
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Coalmine Mesa Chapter, Navajo Nation**



Legend

Gamma Radiation Measurements

- < 2X Background
- > 2X Background

Measured as counts per minute (cpm)

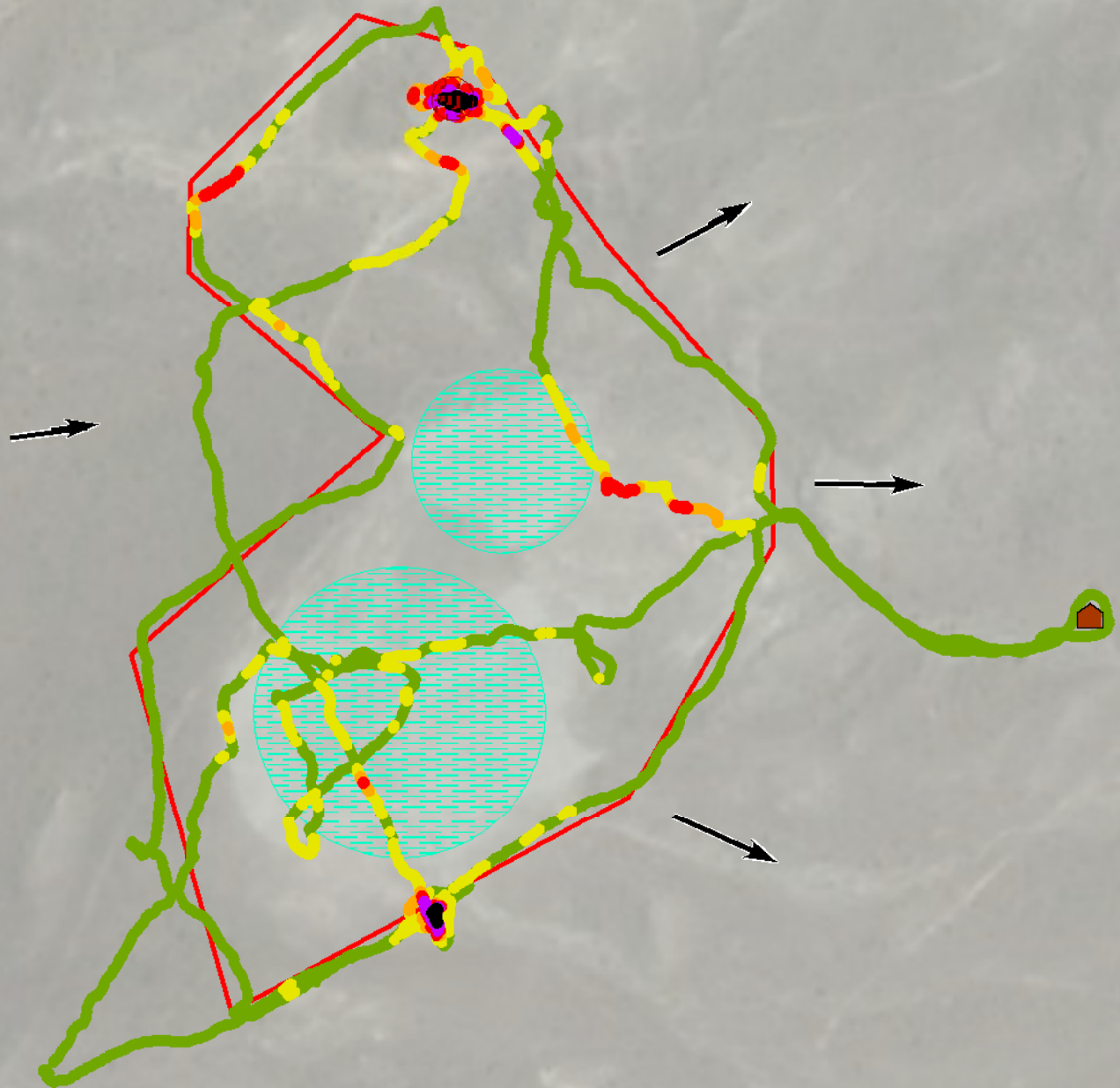
Average background 11,493 cpm

- Mine Site Boundary
- General Slope Direction
- Observed Reclamation Feature
- Observed Waste Pile
- Observed Structure
- Steep Grade

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**Figure 2 - Gamma Radiation Measurements
Charles Huskon No. 12 (119)
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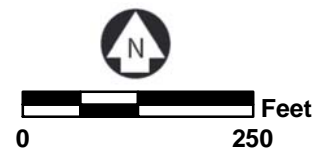
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Gamma Radiation Measurements

- 0 - 10,000 cpm
- 10,000 - 25,000 cpm
- 25,000 - 50,000 cpm
- 50,000 - 100,000 cpm
- 100,000 - 250,000 cpm
- 250,000 - 500,000 cpm
- 500,000 - 1,000,000 cpm

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