

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 and pits. 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 lands not listed in any database located on Navajo lands. Reconnaissance of any sites located on lands adjacent to Navajo lands but that are or 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, to record all immediate site information associated with the mine site and to document the recommendation and/or decision on what additional steps, if any, are needed at the site.

Red Point Lode AUM Site

Navajo AUM Eastern Region

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Part I Site Identification, Location and Status

Site Names and ID numbers as applicable

Mine ID: 347

Map ID: E86

CERCLIS: NNN 000 908 733

NAMLRP: NOT ASSIGNED

New Mexico Mining and Mineral Division ID: NM0161

New Mexico Mining and Mineral Division ID: NMMK0138

Local name / Aliases: Red Point, R.M. Shaw

Chapter and local area: Baca/Haystack

Lat/Long: 35.356164565 N / -107.908443723 W

Nearby road and highway: Haystack Rd, Interstate 40 **Local Post Office:** Prewitt, NM

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

- Tribal Trust Land**
- Tribal Fee Land**
- Allotment**
- Fee land**
- Public lands**
- Private**
- Bureau of Land Mgmt**
- State**

Ownership and contact information:

No ownership was identified. The mine site property is classified as State of New Mexico land.

Part II Site Observations

Observed Structures: list number of and describe human habitation status of structures at the following distances from mine:

0 to 200 feet: None **200 feet to 0.25 mile:** None

Observed Public or commercial structure: list and describe all schools, clinics, Chapter Houses, places of business and any other structure used by members of the community at the following distances:

0 to 200 feet: None **200 feet to 0.25 mile:** None

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

None

Observed water sources: list the number and type of wells and surface water sources that are potentially used for human consumption at the following distances from the mine:

0 to 0.25 miles: None **0.25 miles to 4 miles:** None

Sensitive environments: note and describe 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: include information from interviews with Chapter officials and residents.

Note information on mine ownership, period of operation, and type of mining operation.

Red Point Lode mine consists of an area of 7,399.89 square meters. Any historical information pertaining to mining operations and historical ownership of the mine site appeared to be unclear. The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division identified the operator from 1952-1955 as R.M. Shaw.

Part III Type, number and reclamation status of mine features

Provide description and reclamation 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 reclamation caps.

Reclamation status of the mine site is currently unknown. Small gravel/rock piles and pits were observed throughout the site property (Photo 2, 3). No adits or other mine features were observed during the site visit.

Part IV Summary of radiological readings

Background Locations

#1 10,938 cpm

#2 9,845 cpm

#3 7,989 cpm

Mine site: Red Point Lode

- See Figures 1 and 2

Nearby Structure Perimeter – None

Describe any other radiological measurements:

A total of 565 gamma radiation measurements were collected from mine sites, ranging from 6,195 cpm to 149,417 cpm. The measurements are represented in Figures 1 and 2. The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division identified radiological measurements with background levels 50 counts per second (cps); pits 3,800 cps, and dumps 1,500 cps. Radiological measurements collected for the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division during a 2008 field screening survey found gamma radiation levels near the ground surface with a maximum of 420 micro Roentgen per hour ($\mu\text{R/hr}$) and a minimum of 12 $\mu\text{R/hr}$, levels at the 4-foot elevation with a maximum of 200 $\mu\text{R/hr}$ and a minimum of 12 $\mu\text{R/hr}$, and background levels of 12 $\mu\text{R/hr}$.

Part V Site sketch of all mine features and readings, including locations of all structures, sources of drinking water and any other important features and radiological readings.

Presented in Figures 1 and 2

Part VI Response Action Summary

Site Name(s): Red Point Lode **Chapter:** Baca/Haystack

Decision Criteria

Is there an unreclaimed waste pile at the site? Several small gravel / rock pile were observed

At what distance from the waste pile is the nearest residential structure located? N/A

At what distances from the waste pile are there potential drinking water sources? N/A

Is there a reclamation cap or sealed adit in place at the site? No

Is the cap/seal functionally intact? N/A

Is the cap/seal sufficiently degraded to create a concern about releases? N/A

At what distance from the cap/seal is the nearest domestic structure located? N/A

At what distance from the cap/seal is the nearest domestic drinking water source? N/A

Summary of emergency response factors

None

Summary hazard ranking system factors

None

Summary of reclamation factors

No known reclamation

Part VII Photos



Photo 1. Red Point Lode mine site, to the north



Photo 2. Red Point Lode mine site rock piles, to the east



Photo 3. Red Point Lode mine site rock piles and ditch, to the southwest

Part VIII Contacts Reports and Information

Name Stanley Edison

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

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Information provided General Background and Contact/Access Information

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Information provided Background information and findings from 2008 New Mexico MMD
Survey of mining sites.

Name _____

Title or official role (if any) _____

Telephone number _____

Information provided _____

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Title or official role (if any) _____

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Information provided _____



Legend

Gamma Radiation Measurements

- < 2X Background
- > 2X Background

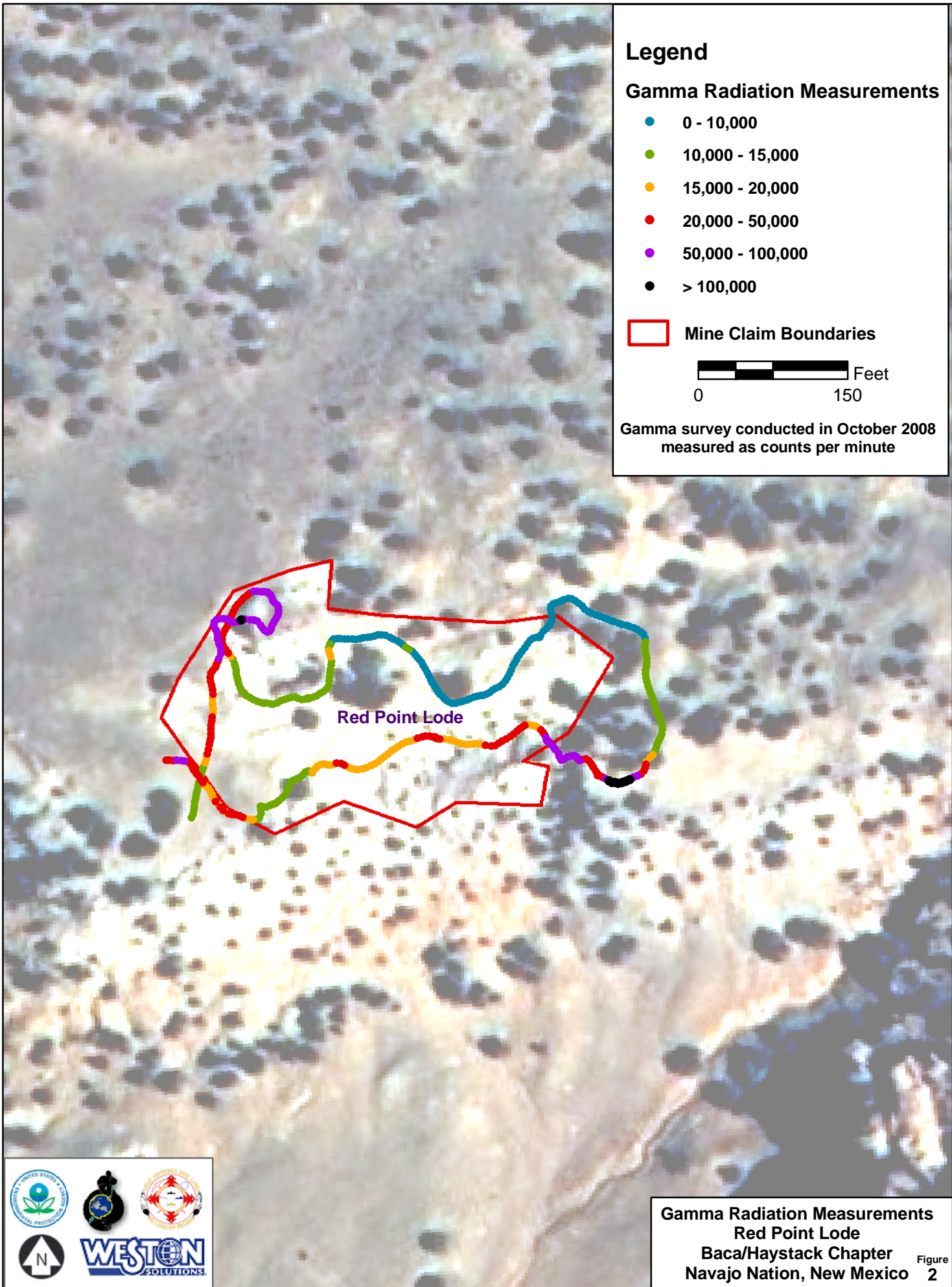
- State
- Mine Claim Boundaries

0 150 Feet

Gamma survey conducted in October 2008
 measured as counts per minute (cpm)
 Average background = 9,590 cpm

Red Point Lode

**Gamma Radiation Measurements
 Above Two Times Background
 Red Point Lode
 Baca/Haystack Chapter
 Navajo Nation, New Mexico** Figure 1



Legend

Gamma Radiation Measurements

- 0 - 10,000
- 10,000 - 15,000
- 15,000 - 20,000
- 20,000 - 50,000
- 50,000 - 100,000
- > 100,000

□ Mine Claim Boundaries



Gamma survey conducted in October 2008
measured as counts per minute

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**Gamma Radiation Measurements
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