



# NAVAJO NATION

## Abandoned Uranium Mines

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### Abandoned Uranium Mines Work Progress Workforce Development Opportunities

Cleaning up abandoned uranium mines on the Navajo Nation creates safe jobs for Navajo workers and provides opportunities for Navajo businesses. These opportunities will increase as cleanup work at the mines accelerates.

#### Supporting 146 Navajo Opportunities Over Past Four Years



**80**

**CONSTRUCTION JOBS**



**17**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES JOBS**



**29**

**INTERNSHIPS**



**20**

**NAVAJO AGENCY JOBS**

#### WORK PROVIDED TO NAVAJO OWNED BUSINESSES

Dinétahdóó Cultural Resources Management (DCRM)



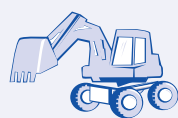
Perform Cultural Resource surveys approximately 20 times

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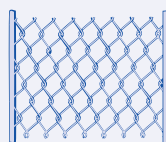
Performed land surveys for bridge design

Arrow Indian Contractors



Repaired bridge and excavated contaminated soils

Bitsui- Chavez Construction Co, LLC (Bitsui-Chavez)



Installed 9 signs and 7 fences at El Paso Natural Gas abandoned uranium mines

Community Housing & Infrastructure Development (CHID)



Replaced contaminated homes with \$3.1 M EPA grant

Diné Construction



Construction of four homes in Church Rock

Various Navajo Interpreters



Navajo interpreters from various communities

Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority



Constructs water infrastructure projects

United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has reached enforcement agreements and settlements valued at over \$1.7 billion to reduce the highest risks of radiation exposure to the Navajo people from abandoned uranium mines. With these agreements and settlement funds, USEPA will use contract resources to oversee abandoned uranium mine assessment and cleanup activities.

## Recently Awarded Contracts

### Response, Assessment, and Evaluation Services (RAES) Contract

USEPA recently awarded Tetra Tech the RAES contract, worth up to \$85 million over five years. Tetra Tech will initially assess uranium contamination at 30 abandoned uranium mines in and around the Navajo Nation. Tetra Tech will also partner with Navajo Technical University and local businesses to train Navajo members in professional positions related to assessment and cleanup work. In addition, Tetra Tech has committed to procure services and supplies, whenever possible, from Navajo-owned businesses, helping boost the local economy and create jobs. Under the contract, Tetra Tech will regularly report the assessment, training and purchasing results to the agency and the public.

### Quivira Contract

In July, USEPA awarded Arrow Indian Contractors, a Navajo-owned company, a \$3.85 million contract to clean up portions of the Quivira Mines. The mines are located in the Coyote Canyon and Standing Rock Chapters on Navajo Nation in McKinley County, New Mexico. The work includes excavating contaminated soil and rebuilding the Red Water Pond Road bridge to accommodate heavy equipment. Arrow Indian Contractors will also build and repair roads and culverts as needed.

## PAST and ANTICIPATED EVENTS

October		Winter
Award of RAES Contact*	Release of RFP* for Cove Road Construction Contract	Anticipated award of Cove Road Construction Contract
2017		2018

**RAES\*** – Response, Assessment and Evaluation Services

**RFP\*** – Request for Proposal is a solicitation by EPA to potential contractors for Abandoned Uranium Mines work

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