

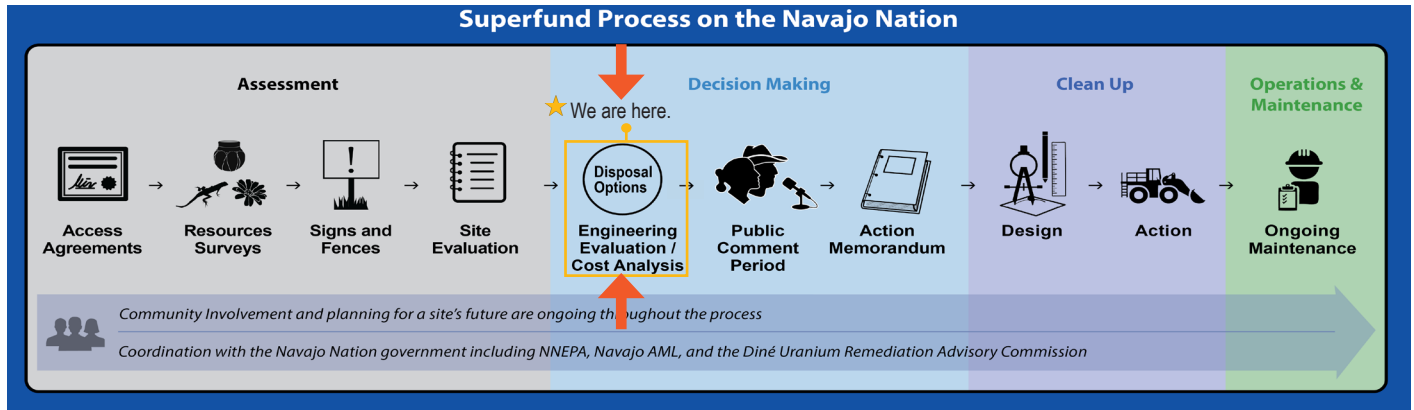


Section 32 and 33 Mines Site Red Rock Disposal Facility Alternative

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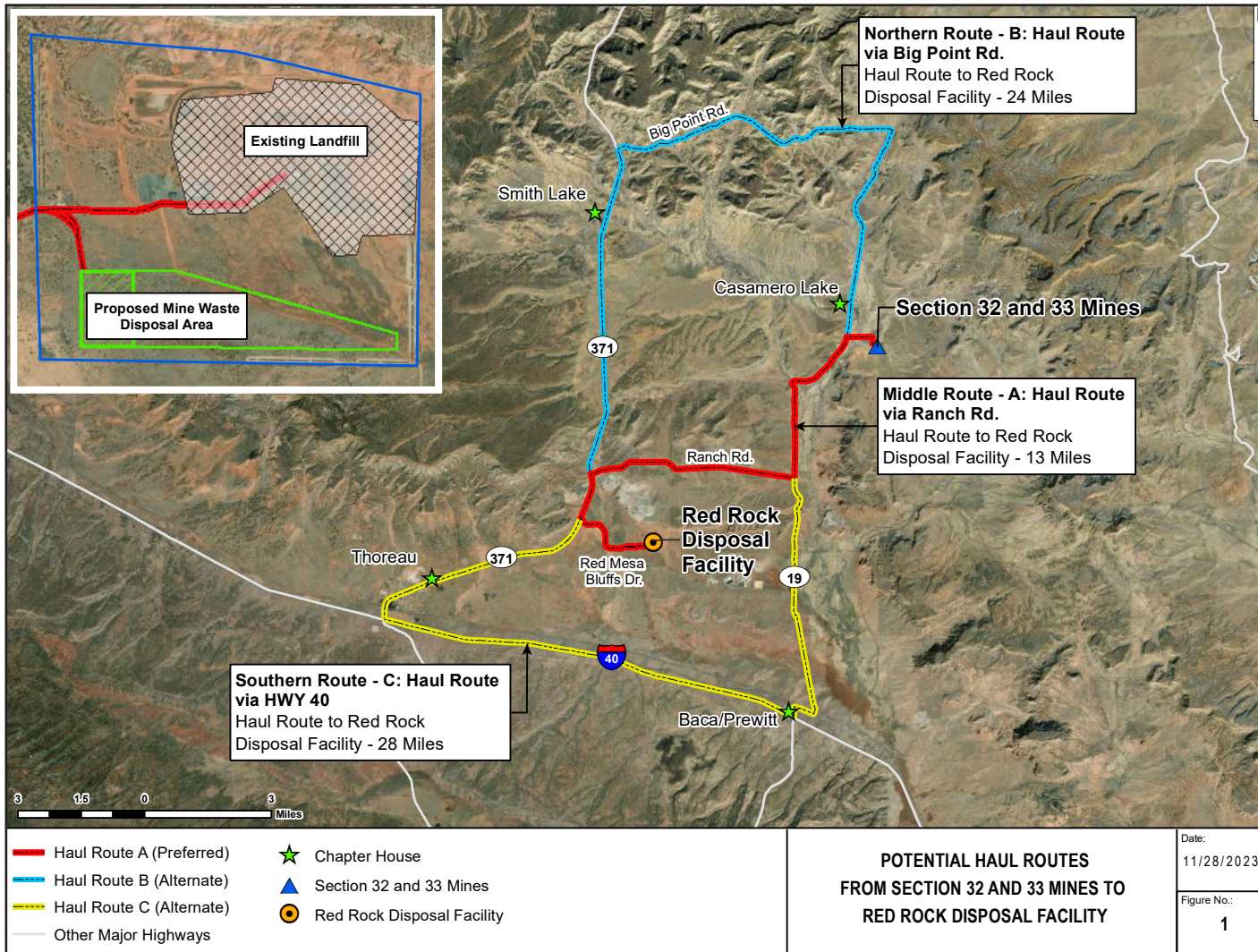
The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Navajo Nation EPA (NNEPA) are asking for your feedback on the Red Rock Disposal Facility alternative being considered for the Section 32 and 33 Mines. This fact sheet provides an overview of where we are in the cleanup process, considerations related to the Red Rock alternative, and a map of the potential haul routes.

Where are we in the Cleanup Process?



Proposed Red Rock Disposal Facility Alternative Details

Cleanup Details	Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Red Rock Facility will be permitted by New Mexico. This will include a groundwater protection permit, air quality permit, waste transportation plan, maintenance plan, and closure plan. This process is expected to take 3-5 years. Once the Red Rock facility is permitted, U.S. EPA will excavate and transport about 70,000 cubic yards of rock and sand containing low levels of radium, uranium, and other metals from the Section 32 and 33 Mines site to the facility. The proposed haul route would go south on Navajo Road 19 to "Ranch Road" that goes West and meets NM 371 at the Red Rock facility. All excavation and construction areas will be tested to confirm they are clean. All excavation and construction areas will be recontoured as needed and revegetated with native vegetation. The site will be inspected each year and erosion will be repaired as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under this alternative all waste is removed from the community and Navajo Nation. Once work begins, excavation and transport of waste can take up to 5 months and up to 3,300 truckloads. Transporting waste on the proposed haul route appears to be the safest and least disruptive route. This project will create job opportunities, such as truck drivers, equipment operators, traffic controllers, and jobs at the Red Rock Landfill. Water for construction and dust control will either be developed from a local source with community approval or brought from Gallup or another area nearby. U.S. EPA will monitor air quality before, during, and after construction to make sure the area is safe. U.S. EPA will work with local chapters to ensure hazards during transport to traffic, pedestrians, and communities are minimized. Other stakeholders will have input during the State permitting public comment period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navajo Communities State of New Mexico Northwest New Mexico Regional Solid Waste Authority (Red Rock Facility)



Information Repository

- **Online:**
<https://www.epa.gov/navajo-nation-uranium-cleanup/eastern-abandoned-uranium-mine-region>
- **Hard Copies:**
Navajo Nation Community Outreach Center
Highway 264 & Indian Route 12, Suite 10
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Ways to provide input:

- During this meeting
- Email
- USPS Mail – Postcard
- Phone to USEPA or NNEPA

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