



THE NAVAJO NATION

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OLJATO CHAPTER RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION#: OKJ05-24-2010

TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (REGION IX) AND THE NAVAJO NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO CLEAN UP THE SKYLINE ABANDONED URANIUM MINE ON OLJATO MESA.

WHEREAS:

1. Oljato Chapter is a certified local government unit of the Navajo Nation; and
2. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act, 26 N.N.C. Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, 1 (B) (1), Oljato Chapter has the authority to make decisions over local matters, consistent with Navajo Law, including custom and tradition; and
3. Numerous abandoned uranium mines still exist on the Navajo Nation, including Oljato Chapter that are or partially addressed by responsible parties or applicable governmental entities; and
4. The United States Environmental Protection Agency has been working collaboratively with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency to address the uranium legacy left behind on the Navajo Nation; and
5. Members of Oljato Chapter have expressed health concerns from the exposure to uranium and other contaminants at the abandoned Skyline Uranium Mine, which is at the north edge of Oljato Mesa; and
6. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency representatives have stated that money has been allocated from the U.S. Congress to start addressing the human and environmental hazards posed by the abandoned Skyline Uranium Mine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Oljato Chapter encourages and supports the efforts of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region IX and the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency to take necessary actions to clean up the abandoned Skyline Mine; and
2. Oljato Chapter requests that U.S. EPA provide a measure of safety by sealing soil surface with fixative and fencing-off the source areas of known elevated radiation measurement; and
3. Oljato Chapter requests that U.S. EPA sponsors and educational workshop on the issues related to the abandoned Skyline Uranium Mine, which is to include the summary of past site investigations and waste material repository options.
4. Oljato Chapter requests that U.S. EPA provide copies of site assessment reports to the Oljato Chapter

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CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby, certify the foregoing resolution was presented to the Oljato Chapter at a duly called and authorized Chapter meeting held in Oljato, Navajo Nation, Utah at which a quorum was present and that it was passed by a vote of 3⁰ in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining on this 8th day of May, 2010.

Motion: Carl Huleay

Second: Carl Huleay

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