

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Removal Action Information
Abandoned Uranium Mines –Section 32 and 33 Mines
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**Kin Náhálgaideé' Ni'asdzáan Yik'ihdeézí' Bil Hazáadóó
Ni'káágóó Hasht'ééhnééhgi Baahane'
Leetsoh Haagéed Nt'é'éégi Kéyah Section 32 dóó 33 gi
Tááchil Naakidimíil dóó bi'aan Naaki Ts'áadah Yihah**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 9 is working to protect residents of Casamero lake Chapter by cleaning up leftover waste from past uranium mining operations.

Kin Náhálgaideé' Ni'asdzáan Yik'ihdeézí' Bil Hazáadóó (U.S. EPA) Náhást'éei Hahoodzohdeé' éi' Tsétah Tó'ak'óli Táá Sinilíjí kéedahat'ínigi baa hááhasingi biniinaa díi t'ah nahdeé' leetsoh leezh bil haageed hēh hasht'énálnééhgo nahgóó kódoólníil níigo yeinití.

Uranium mining operations occurred throughout the Navajo Nation from the 1940s to the 1980s. The Cobb Nuclear Company operated uranium mines in the Casamero Lake Chapter area. Uranium ore was mined and taken out of the area. The USEPA is looking at two mines called the Section 32 and Section 33 mines.

Diné Bikéyah bikáá'góó t'óó'áhayóigo Leetsoh hadas geed t'ah nahdeé' náhást'éei ts'áadah dóó dízdiin dóó náhást'éei ts'áadah dóó tseebídiin yihahédáá' ádaat'é. Cobb Nuclear Company wolyéego kwii Tsétah Tó'ak'óli Táá Sinilí nahósa'gi léetsoh hadéizgeed. Leetsoh haadas geedēh éi nahgóó ch'ihesgēh. Kin Náhálgaideé' Ni'asdzáan Yik'ihdeézí' Bil Hazáadóó naakigo Section 32 dóó Section 33 gi Leetsoh nasgeed yēhgi nelkah.

At the Section 32 mine, there is an unfenced deep mineshaft at the southeast portion of the site. At the Section 33 mine, there are mining waste piles that contain some leftover uranium ore.

Díi Section 32 dóó Shádi'ááh dóó ha'a'aahjigo t'ahdii leetsoh hahasgíhēh góyaa nídzaa góne' ahoozā doo ndi bich'ááh anít'i'dah. Section 33 jí' éi leezh leetsoh bil haageedēh leetsoh t'áá bil áltah go' ákóó yanáa'á.

The leftover uranium ore has more radiation than the surrounding area and people should avoid touching it or walking near the mines.

Díi leezh leetsoh bil hadasgeedgo t'áá' ákóó yáadaa'áhígíi t'áá yéego wódahti nida'alkidgo bits'á daaziil ba'át'e' hóló' áko bila'ashdla'ii hada'asgeed yēhgi leezh t'áadoo bídólnihí dóó ákwii t'áadoo naháha doo.

The USEPA Region 9 Superfund Emergency Response Section will conduct a preliminary assessment of uranium ore and mining waste at the two mines. We will share this information and talk with the community about cleanup options.

Kin Náhálgaideé' Ni'asdzáan Yik'ihdeézíí' Bii Hazá Náhást'éei Hahoodzohdóó Superfund Emergency Response Deilyínííshdóó leezh leetsoh bii haageedééh Aláají' Alkéé' Ni'áó Na'alkahígíí kwii naakigo hazánígíí leezh na'alkidígíí neidołkah. Áádóó na'aská'ígíí nihíł íishjání' ádoolnít dóó nahgóó kódoolnítgi baayádadóltih.

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