

3.2 Project Overview Video

A project overview video was prepared to present project details to the viewer in a concise and consistent manner. The video provided an overview of the NEPA process, the proposed actions, and environmental resource areas to be considered. The project overview video was made available in English, Navajo, and Hopi at the open house scoping meetings. On 31 August 2012, a DVD with the English, Navajo, and Hopi video files was mailed to government and tribal representatives who attended a scoping meeting (Exhibit Q) and to the Tiis Tsoh Sikaad (Burnham) and Nenahnezad Chapter Houses.

3.3 Open House Scoping Meeting Poster Stations Video

A video of the poster stations at the open house scoping meetings was developed using footage filmed at the scoping meetings. The poster stations video provided an overview of the open house scoping meetings and informal conferences and provided a look at the poster stations, including information from the subject matter experts staffing each poster station. The video was translated into Navajo and Hopi and on October 4, 2012, a DVD with the English, Navajo, and Hopi video files was mailed to select government and tribal representatives (Exhibit R) and the Tiis Tsoh Sikaad (Burnham) and Nenahnezad Chapter Houses.

4 Comments Summary

The table below reflects the number of written and oral comments received at the nine scoping meetings and also specifies the number of oral comments interpreted into English. During the public comment period, 65 oral comments and 469 written comments were received. Table 4-1 shows the number of both oral and written comments received at each scoping meeting. The public submitted 399 written comments via mail and email following completion of the scoping meetings.

Table 4-1 Public Scoping Meeting Comment Summary

MEETING DATE	MEETING LOCATION	WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED AT MEETING	ORAL COMMENTS RECEIVED AT MEETING
9 August 2012	Hotevilla, AZ	7	7 (1 through interpreter)
10 August 2012	Cortez, CO	2	0
11 August 2012	Tiis Tsoh Sikaad (Burnham) Chapter House, NM, NM	2 (1 through interpreter)	9 (3 through interpreter)
13 August 2012	Nenahnezad, NM	8 (2 through interpreter)	13
14 August 2012	Farmington, NM	35	16 (1 through interpreter)
15 August 2012	Shiprock, NM	5	11
16 August 2012	Durango, CO	5	3
17 August 2012	Window Rock, AZ	4	5
18 August 2012	Albuquerque, NM	2	1
	Total	70	65

Summary

This section is intended to illustrate the predominant issues the public identified during the nine scoping meetings held from 9 August 2012 to 18 August 2012, and the subsequent extended comment period (through November 1, 2012). It is not meant to capture all aspects of the comments or to serve as a legal record. Figure 4-1 depicts the relative number of comments per topic from all comments received during the public scoping period. Some of the concerns and questions expressed by the public include (not prioritized):

- Concerns about air quality, water quality, and public health
- Support for the economic benefits from the operation of the Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Coal Mine
- Support for open house style meetings and the way in which information was presented and communicated
- Preference for public meeting format instead of open house style meetings
- Opposition to coal as a source of energy; support for alternative energy sources
- Support for APS and BHP Billiton’s contributions to local communities
- Concern about proximity of transmission lines to residents and sacred Native American sites
- Inadequacy of disposal of coal fly ash
- Inquiries about public access to air and water quality data collected by APS and BNCC

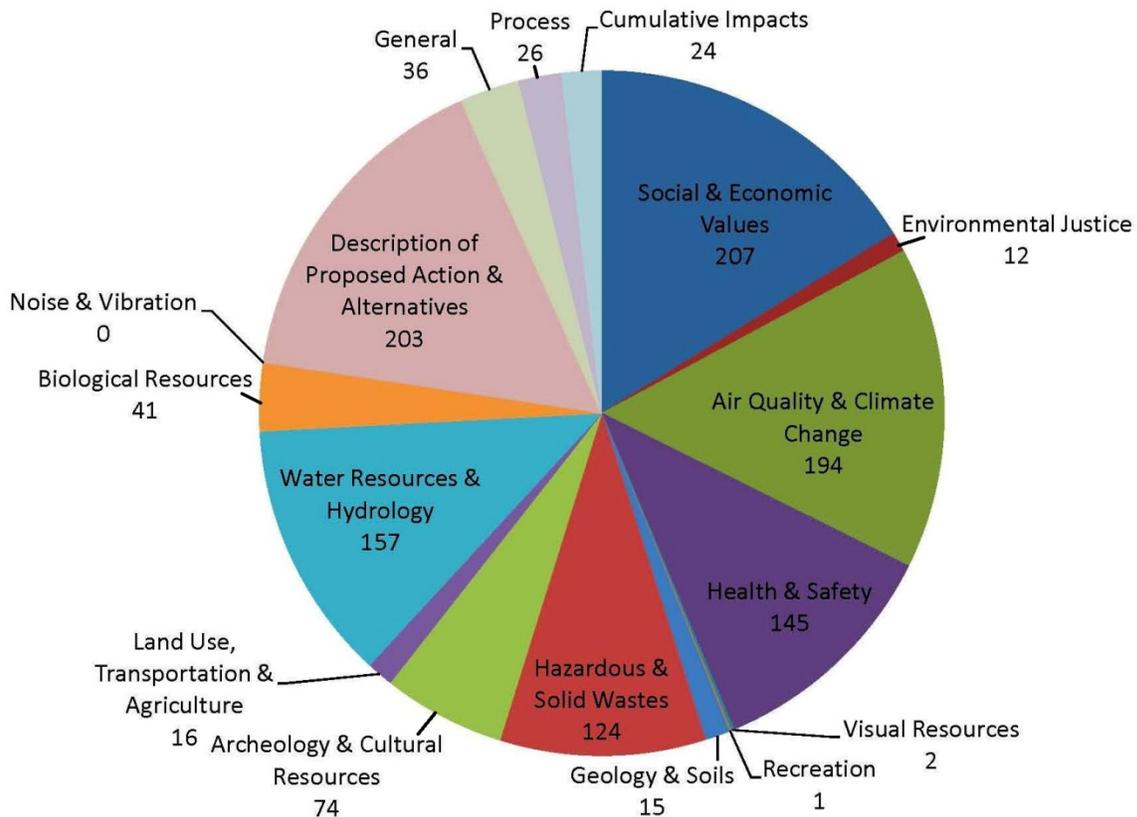


Figure 4-1 Distribution of Scoping Comments Received by Type