

5 Scoping Comment Period Extension Notification Activities

OSM extended the scoping comment period from 17 September 2012 to 1 November 2012, which provided an additional 45 days for the public to submit comments. The following notifications (Exhibit S) were prepared and distributed to inform the public of the scoping comment period extension.

Federal Register Notice

OSM published a revision on October 12, 2012 to the Federal Register notice published 18 July 2012, which announced the 45-day extension of the scoping comment period.

Display Advertisement

A display advertisement was placed in four newspapers that are widely read in the Four Corners region and on the Navajo and Hopi reservations: *Farmington Daily Times*, *Navajo-Hopi Observer*, *Navajo Times*, and *Hopi Tutuveni*. As shown in Table 5-1, the display advertisement was published once in each of these four newspapers.

Table 5-1 Display Advertisement Publication Summary

NEWSPAPER	COVERAGE	DATES OF ADVERTISEMENT
Farmington Daily Times (daily)	Farmington, Shiprock, Newcomb, Fruitland	11 September 2012
Navajo-Hopi Observer (Wednesdays)	Western Navajo and Hopi Reservations	12 September 2012
Navajo Times (Thursdays)	Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Shiprock	13 September 2012
Hopi Tutuveni (1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month)	Hopi Reservation	18 September 2012

Postcard Mailer

A postcard mailer was sent to 843 individuals and stakeholders on the project mailing list on 10 September 2012 and an additional 203 individuals on 17 September 2012. Scoping meeting attendees who provided a postal mailing address received the postcard.

Public Service Announcement

A PSA was distributed to 31 local radio stations. The PSA was translated into Navajo and Hopi. The English release and Navajo and Hopi audio files were disseminated to radio stations based on the language of the radio station.

Notification Flier

A notification flier was disseminated to nine libraries and six chapter houses to further reach tribal community members and remote locations where interested stakeholders potentially resided. The libraries and chapter houses that were asked to post the flier for public viewing were the Albuquerque, Cortez, Durango, Farmington, Hopi Reservation, Navajo Nation, Octavia Fellin (Gallup), Shiprock, and Tuba City public libraries and the Chinle, Coalmine Canyon, Nenahnezad, Shiprock, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad (Burnham), and Upper Fruitland chapter houses.

Email

On 18 September 2012, OSM sent an email to 20 additional individuals who provided an email address but did not provide a postal mailing address. The email included an attachment PDF of the postcard notification.

6 Media Coverage

The following news articles discussed the Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project EIS and/or the open house scoping meetings.

Summary

There were 40 articles published in local, regional, and national newspapers between 8 July 2012 and 17 September 2012. These articles, or announcements, publicized the open house scoping meetings, comment channels, and scoping comment period extension. Some articles were published in a blog or Op-Ed piece to encourage support or opposition to the project. Several articles were picked up by a variety of other newspapers and websites. Full articles are provided in Exhibit T.

List of Articles

- Staff Writer. "Comment Period Extended to November 1. Long Overdue Analysis of Four Corners Power Plant Complex." San Juan Citizen's Alliance 17 September 2012.
- Staff Writer. "Feds Extend Public Comment for Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine." KUNM Earth Air Waves 12 September 2012.
- Igkiyaani. "Lyle Ben, BIA, 8/15/12 FourCorners PP-Navajo Mine Scoping Mtg." YouTube 17 August 2012.
- Igkiyaani. "Paul Clark, OSM Hydrologist 8-15-12 Shiprock." YouTube 17 August 2012.
- Staff Writer. "EPA Holding Hearings on Arizona Coal-Fired Power Plants." LakePowellLife.com 16 August 2012.
- Staff Writer. "Environmental Meeting Today to Consider Four Corners Power Plant, Navajo Mine." Buffalo's Fire 15 August 2012.
- Randolph, Dan. "Coal Combustion Waste – Why You Should Care." The Durango Herald 15 August 2012.
- Slothower, Chuck. "Environmental Meeting Today to Consider Four Corners Power Plant, Navajo Mine." Farmington Daily Times 14 August 2012.
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- Helms, Kathy. "OSM Kicks Off Meetings on Energy Project." Navajo Truth Facebook 11 August 2012.
- Fonseca, Felicia. "EPA Sets Final Rules for Navajo Power Plant." Environmental, Health and Safety News 9 August 2012.
- Staff Writer. "Four Corners Power Plant to Undergo EIS." The Durango Telegraph 9 August 2012.
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