

# Scoping Summary Report

Four Corners Power Plant and  
Navajo Mine Energy Project

33716001.00





Prepared for:



Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement  
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320, Denver, CO 80202-3050

Prepared by:



Cardno ENTRIX  
10490 Wilshire Blvd., #1525, Los Angeles, CA 90024

This Page Intentionally Left Blank

## Table of Contents

<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction .....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Summary of Activities Conducted During Scoping Period .....</b>	<b>5</b>
	2.1 Notification Activities.....	5
<b>3</b>	<b>Open House Scoping Meetings .....</b>	<b>7</b>
	3.1 Attendance .....	9
	3.2 Project Overview Video .....	10
	3.3 Open House Scoping Meeting Poster Stations Video.....	10
<b>4</b>	<b>Comments Summary.....</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Scoping Comment Period Extension Notification Activities.....</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Media Coverage.....</b>	<b>13</b>

## Appendices

Appendix A Scoping Exhibits

This Page Intentionally Left Blank

# 1 Introduction

---

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Western Region, Denver, CO, held nine open house scoping meetings from 9 August 2012 to 18 August 2012, for the Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The purpose of the scoping meetings was to provide an opportunity for the public and other agencies to learn about and comment on the proposed actions and environmental resources to be analyzed in the Draft EIS. Efforts to notify the public, media, government agencies, and elected officials about the open house scoping meetings were conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Public Involvement Plan developed for the Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project EIS. This scoping also served to satisfy the public involvement and noticing requirement for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Additionally, two of the meetings also served as informal conferences for the Pinabete Mine Plan Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Permit application. Interested parties were provided an opportunity to provide written or oral comments related to this new permit.

This scoping summary report includes detailed information about public involvement and outreach activities conducted by OSM during the scoping period from 18 July 2012 to 1 November 2012.

## 2 Summary of Activities Conducted During Scoping Period

---

### 2.1 Notification Activities

The following notifications were prepared and distributed to inform the public of the project and the open house scoping meetings:

#### **Federal Register Notice**

On 18 July 2012, OSM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register (Exhibit A), which announced the intent to prepare an EIS for the Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project, described the proposed actions, and provided the locations, dates, and times of the open house scoping meetings. This NOI initiated a 60-day scoping period, which was scheduled to end on 17 September 2012.

#### **Display Advertisement**

Display advertisements (Exhibit B) were placed in the following 13 newspapers: *Arizona Daily Sun*, *Navajo-Hopi Observer*, *Hopi Tutuveni*, *Cortez Journal*, *Four Corners Free Press*, *Farmington Daily Times*, *San Juan Sun*, *Navajo Times*, *The Durango Herald*, *The Durango Telegraph*, *Gallup Independent*, *The Tribune News*, and *Albuquerque Journal*. As listed in Table 2-1, the first series of display advertisements occurred within three days of the Federal Register notice and at least 15 days prior to the local scoping meeting. The second and third publication dates occurred consecutively the day of and day prior to the local scoping meeting (assuming the local newspaper was published daily).