

**Stakeholder Notification Letter**

A notification letter (Exhibit D), signed by Mr. Marcelo Calle, OSM EIS Coordinator, was mailed to 440 federal, state, and local government agencies and elected officials on 27 July 2012. The letter provided detailed information about the proposed actions, scoping process, and comment submittal, and announced the locations, dates, and times of the open house scoping meetings.

**Public Service Announcement**

A public service announcement (PSA) (Exhibit E) providing the dates and times of the local open house scoping meetings was distributed to 31 local radio stations (Exhibit F). The PSA was translated and recorded in Navajo and Hopi. The English release and the Navajo and Hopi audio files were disseminated to radio stations based on the language of the radio station.

**Notification Flier**

A member of the public outreach team physically placed notification fliers (Exhibit G) at appropriate community centers, post offices, libraries, grocery stores, gas stations, trading posts, town halls, and other gathering places (Exhibit H) throughout the Four Corners region to further reach tribal community members and remote locations where interested stakeholders potentially resided. The flier provided the open house scoping meeting locations, dates, and times, and provided information on how to submit comments.

**Information Repositories**

Public information repositories were established at 29 locations (Exhibit I) in the Four Corners region, including chapter houses, libraries, OSM offices, and Bureau of Indian Affairs offices. A binder containing the display advertisement and materials provided at the open house scoping meetings, including a copy of the posters, the poster station overview, the fact sheet booklet and the comment form, was sent to each of the information repositories with a letter requesting the binder be put on display and made available for public viewing. Additional copies of the fact sheet booklet were mailed to the information repositories after the completion of the open house scoping meetings.

## 3 Open House Scoping Meetings

Nine open house scoping meetings were held at the following locations, dates, and times shown in Table 3-1.

**Table 3-1 Public Scoping Open House Schedule**

MEETING LOCATION	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Hotevilla, AZ	Hotevilla Village	9 August 2012	3 to 7 p.m.
Cortez, CO	Montezuma-Cortez High School	10 August 2012	5 to 9 p.m.
Burnham, NM	Tiis Tsoh Sikaad (Burnham) Chapter House**	11 August 2012	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Nenahnezad, NM	Nenahnezad Chapter House**	13 August 2012	5 to 9 p.m.
Farmington, NM	Farmington Civic Center	14 August 2012	5 to 9 p.m.

Shiprock, NM	Shiprock High School	15 August 2012	5 to 9 p.m.
Durango, CO	Durango Public Library	16 August 2012	4 to 8 p.m.
Window Rock, AZ	Navajo Nation Museum	17 August 2012	5 to 9 p.m.
Albuquerque, NM	Indian Pueblo Cultural Center	18 August 2012	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\*\*Scoping meetings at the Tiis Tsoh Sikaad (Burnham) and Nenahnezad Chapter Houses also served as informal conferences for the Proposed Pinabete Mine Plan Permit Application.

The scoping meetings were held in an informal open house format where members of the public could arrive at any time during the four-hour event. Staff team members at the welcome station greeted meeting attendees and encouraged them to sign in to receive project information and future notifications. A fact sheet booklet (Exhibit K), poster station overview (Exhibit L) and comment form (Exhibit M) were distributed to attendees, along with verbal direction on the organization and flow of the poster stations established around the room. An additional fact sheet (Exhibit N) and comment form (Exhibit O) was developed for the informal conferences that were held concurrently with the open house scoping meetings at the Tiis Tsoh Sikaad (Burnham) and Nenahnezad Chapter Houses.

Poster stations covered the following topics:

- Welcome and sign-in
- Project overview video
- NEPA process
- About OSM, Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act and cooperating agencies
- Proposed actions and alternatives
- About the Four Corners Power Plant, Navajo Coal Mine and transmission lines
- Environmental resources
- Cultural resources
- Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice
- Written and oral comment collection stations

The poster stations included between one and four posters (Exhibit P), as well as copies of the fact sheet booklet and comment forms. Subject matter experts from OSM, cooperating agencies, and contractors staffed each poster station to answer questions and provide project information.

The project overview video station had chairs, headphones, and a screen set up for meeting attendees to watch the video. The project overview video was available in English, Navajo, and Hopi. The project overview video is further described below.

A comment collection station, which included tables, chairs, and pens, was also set up to facilitate the submission of written comments from the public. Members of the public were encouraged to fill out comment forms to ensure their comments would be included in the official record and considered in the development of the Draft EIS. Individuals could submit completed forms at the meetings or mail them to the address provided on the comment forms. Two court reporters were available at each scoping meeting to record oral comments. At scoping meetings held on the Navajo and Hopi Reservations, Navajo and Hopi interpreters were available to interpret oral comments and also assist attendees conversing with project team members. Meeting attendees were also informed that they could email comments to [FCPPNavajoEnergyEIS@osmre.gov](mailto:FCPPNavajoEnergyEIS@osmre.gov).

### 3.1 Attendance

Meeting attendees were encouraged to sign in at the welcome table. The information below reflects the number of meeting attendees who chose to sign in. Media attendance reflects the persons who identified themselves as media. In total, 455 people signed in at the open house scoping meetings.

- Meeting 1, Hotevilla, AZ: Twenty-eight (28) people attended; media included reporters from the Navajo-Hopi Observer and Gallup Independent; tribal government representation included a member of the Hopi Tribal Council; a Navajo Nation Tribal Delegate; nongovernmental organization (NGO) representation included a member from the Sierra Club.
- Meeting 2, Cortez, CO: Twenty-four (24) people attended; NGO representation included a member from the San Juan Citizens Alliance.
- Meeting 3, Burnham, NM: Thirty-nine (39) people attended; tribal government representation included a staff member from the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency; NGO representation included members from the San Juan Citizens Alliance and the Diné Citizens Against Ruining Our Environment (CARE).
- Meeting 4, Nenahnezad, NM: Fifty-three (53) people attended; NGO representation included Diné CARE.
- Meeting 5, Farmington, NM: One hundred and thirty-five (135) people attended; media included reporters from the Farmington Daily Times; federal, state, and local government representation included staff members from the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, New Mexico State Land Office, San Juan Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Farmington city manager; elected official representation included Representative James Strickler and staff members from the office of Senator Jeff Bingaman and office of Congressman Ben L. Lujan; tribal government representation included a staff member from the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency; NGO representation included members from the San Juan Wildlife Federation, San Juan Center for Independence, and Diné CARE.
- Meeting 6, Shiprock, NM: Fifty-four (54) people attended; tribal government representation included the president and chief of staff of the Navajo Nation and a staff member from the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency; NGO representation included members from the San Juan Citizens Alliance, and Diné CARE.
- Meeting 7, Durango, CO: Forty-seven (47) people attended; media included a reporter from the Four Corners Free Press; government representation included a staff member from the La Plata County Planning Department; tribal government representation included a staff member from the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency; elected official representation included a staff member from the office of Congressman Scott Tipton; NGO representation included members from the San Juan Citizens Alliance.
- Meeting 8, Window Rock, AZ: Thirty-two (32) people attended; tribal government representation included a staff member from the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency; NGO representation included members from the Sierra Club, and Diné CARE.
- Meeting 9, Albuquerque, NM: Forty-three (43) people attended; tribal government representation included the council speaker of the Navajo Nation, Navajo Nation director of policy and management, and a staff member from the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources; elected official representation included a staff member from the office of Senator Tom Udall.

### 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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>