



FOUR CORNERS POWER PLANT AND NAVAJO MINE ENERGY PROJECT EIS

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In July 1957, the Navajo Nation granted a mining lease to Utah Construction & Mining Company, which as amended is 33,000 acres.

- The coal mine is used solely for the Four Corners Power Plant
- Coal is transported to the power plant via a dedicated rail system
- Approximately 8.5 million tons of coal is mined annually
- The mine provides 500 jobs, and approximately 82% of employees are Native American

DEVELOPMENT OF PINABETE AREA

- In spring 2012, BHP Navajo Coal Company submitted an application to OSM to develop a new 5,600-acre mine area within the existing Navajo Mine Lease area
- This new area is referred to as the Pinabete Permit area
- Proposed mining operations would occur on 3,100 acres of the 5,600-acre new Pinabete Permit area
- The new mine area would supply low-sulfur coal for up to 25 years, at a rate of 5.8 million tons per year

