

## **PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE – RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the San Juan Coal Company's proposed mining plan modification for the Deep Lease Extension at the existing underground San Juan Mine, located near Waterflow, New Mexico. The San Juan Mine supplies the San Juan Generating Station with coal and this action would extend mining operations through 2033. Under the proposal, the San Juan Coal Company would perform underground longwall mining methods to supply approximately 2-3 million tons of coal per year to the San Juan Generating Station and employ approximately 360 people. The mine plan decision would authorize the recovery of up to 36.6 million tons of coal, but not expand the existing state and federal mine permit areas. Land use on the surface of the Deep Lease Extension would remain primarily open space for grazing and wildlife habitat.

Mining operations in the Deep Lease Extension have been ongoing since 2008, and a copy of the 2008 Mine Plan Decision Document is available at the OSMRE Western Region office in Denver, Colorado.

OSMRE is currently soliciting comments on the proposed project and potential environmental issues to be analyzed in the EIS. OSMRE will also be conducting five public meetings to present information about the proposed project, EIS process, and key issues. The purpose of the meetings is to provide an opportunity for interested citizens to learn more about the proposed project and provide an oral or written comment on the proposed project. The comments received will be considered in development of the EIS. Translators fluent in Ute and Navajo, and a court reporter will be available at the public meetings to transcribe any verbal comments that members of the public may wish to provide.

Public meetings will be held on the following dates and venues:

- On Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center at 2401 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- On Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Ute Community Center at 785 Sunset Road, Towaoc, Colorado.
- On Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Shiprock High School approximately a half-mile west on US-64 from US-491 in Shiprock, New Mexico.
- On Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Farmington City Civic Center at 200 West Arrington St., Farmington, New Mexico.
- On Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Durango Community Recreation Center at 2700 Main Avenue, Durango, Colorado.