

Uranium public hearings postponed

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. - The Naabik'íyáti Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council announced March 12 that the March 13 and 14 Uranium Public Hearings planned for Chinle and Tuba City are postponed until further notice.

“The postponements come in the wake of declarations of emergencies by Arizona, New Mexico, and the Navajo Nation over the spread of COVID-19. The responses have been made after COVID-19 cases in all southwestern states were confirmed.

“As a preemptive measure, the Navajo Nation Council is postponing the uranium public hearings to reduce the potential for unintentional transmission,” 24th Navajo Nation Council Speaker Seth Damon said.

The Legislative Branch instituted travel restrictions on March 12 that went into effect immediately for all program employees and council delegates. The Office of the Speaker also directed branch programs to begin formulating remote work plans for continuing essential services should office buildings be closed to reduce exposure.

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