



Abandoned Uranium Mines U.S. EPA/Navajo Nation EPA Aerial Gamma Radiation Survey



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U.S. EPA to Perform Helicopter Survey of Abandoned Uranium Mines in the Oljato Area

At the request of the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) will be sending a team from their Region 9 office in San Francisco to perform an aerial gamma radiation survey of the Navajo Nation abandoned uranium mines. This survey will be performed by helicopter in late August 1997 and may continue into September.

The purpose of this survey is to measure naturally occurring radiation (gamma radiation) coming from abandoned

uranium mining areas. Results of this survey will help determine if these sites pose a risk to people in the area and, if so, what measures should be taken to minimize that risk.

We would like residents of the Oljato area to know that the low-flying helicopter going back and forth later this month is measuring radiation from the mines for this purpose.

Keeping the Chapters Informed

USEPA will inform the Navajo Nation Chapters of the results of this survey and any follow-up actions that may be

recommended.

Who to Contact if You Have Questions or Concerns

USEPA and NNEPA will do their best to provide information to the Navajo Nation Chapters. We want to encourage you to get in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the abandoned uranium mines. USEPA has a TOLL-FREE phone number you may call at any time. Please leave your name and telephone number and we will call you back.

The person to contact at US EPA:

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