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INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE



FIVE YEAR Action Plan Progress Report

As of August, 2010



Diagnose and treat health conditions in eligible Indian beneficiaries with a history of non-occupational exposure to Uranium....

1. Implement uranium medical monitoring protocol with Staff hired in January 2010...3 mobile clinics conducted...7 community listening sessions conducted...funded by Navajo Area from 2010 IHS appropriations.



Continuation of Navajo Area IHS Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program – for Radiation Exposure Compensation Act purposes...

1. HRSA grant awarded for patient screening to IHS in Shiprock, New Mexico for 2009-2011.



In-kind Navajo Area IHS support to Navajo Uranium Assessment and Kidney Health Project, a NIH funded research project awarded to UNM specifically for Eastern Navajo Agency residents...

1. Ongoing.



Interagency scientific meetings and discussions consistent with 5 Year Plan....

1. Ongoing discussions involving the Navajo Nation Epi Center, UNM, U of A, NAU, CDC, EPA, ATSDR, NIOSH, BIA, NRC, and DOE.
2. Completed IHS funds interagency transfer from 2009 appropriations to BIA for completion of Tuba City landfill fencing.
3. Ongoing work/discussions with ATSDR on their 2010 funding opportunity announcement for a prospective birth cohort study which will include Navajo Area IHS staff involvement with the awardee in conducting the research.



Review with CDC/USEPA,
water and/or facility
contamination data for
potential health impacts.

1. Individuals referred from the CDC household survey will be enrolled in the IHS medical monitoring program and will receive clinical follow up at Navajo Area clinics/hospitals, per the individual's medical condition requirements.



Assessing the potential for additional case control studies on health conditions...

1. Occupational lung cancer case control study---updating occupational study data with existing resources.
2. Other Non-occupational longitudinal case control studies...