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INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE



FIVE YEAR Action Plan Report

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Objective 2: Water to Homes

- Indian Health Services, HUD and the EPA have partnered to provide \$26.7M from FY 2009 to FY 2012 with one other project funded in 2005 for 14 projects that will provide piped water to 808 homes. Construction on 8/14 projects has been completed or will be finished in 2013. 6/14 projects were in early or pre-construction design phase as of September, 2012. Homes served by the 14 projects are in the areas of Monument Valley, Dennehotso, Black Falls, Sweetwater, Pinedale, Churchrock, Haystack, Red Mesa, Mexican Water, Mariano Lake, Leupp and Thoreau.



Objective 8: Medical Monitoring and Case Control Studies of Health Risks

- Continued work on Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program (RESEP)
- Diagnosed and treated known health conditions in eligible Indians
- Reviewed existing databases to develop plans for improved cancer case surveillance
- Reviewed groundwater contamination data for potential future health studies
- Developed plans to assess the prevalence of cancer and other health conditions for populations near inactive mine and mill sites



Objective 8: Medical Monitoring and Case Control Studies of Health Risks

- Provided training in 2009-10 (CDC and ATSDR) to Navajo Nation hospital and clinic staff on uranium exposure and health.
- Creation in 2010 of the community-based medical screening program “Community Uranium Exposure Journey to Health” (CUE-JTH)
- Supported the National Institutes of Health funded University of New Mexico’s Navajo Uranium Assessment and Kidney Health Project, and CDC-ATSDR funded University of New Mexico’s Prospective Birth Cohort Study of environmental uranium exposure to pregnant women and their children



Objective 8: FUTURE Plans

- Complete the Prospective Birth Cohort Study at 6 Hospital and Clinic sites
- Continue with RESEP and CUE–JTH efforts
- Provide continued patient healthcare services
- Support potential future health studies with various partners
- Continue with projects to provide safe drinking water in underserved areas
- Others to be identified