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## NRC's Role

- Oversight of Department of Energy activities under the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA)
  - Regulate DOE under the general license provision
  - Review/concur on DOE cleanup, corrective action & maintenance plans
  - Review/comment on DOE reports
  - Perform Observational Site Visits
- Provide input on North East Church Rock (NECR) mine cleanup activities
- Take appropriate licensing action for disposal of mine waste at the UNC Church rock mill site
- Outreach to the Navajo Nation for new uranium recovery sites



## NRC Activities - 2008-2012

- Reviewed DOE environmental and performance reports
- Performed oversight visits at Tuba City, Shiprock, and Mexican Hat sites
- Reviewed the Highway 160 site survey results
- Participated in NECR cleanup activities
- Began Government to Government meetings regarding the HydroResources Inc. site



## **Future NRC Activities**

- Continue oversight of DOE UMTRCA activities in the Navajo Nation
- Continue to input to NECR mine cleanup activities and take appropriate licensing action at the United Nuclear Corp. Church Rock mill site
- Continue outreach for new uranium recovery sites on or near the Navajo Nation