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TITLE: An Action Relating To The Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Amending NABIAU-52-15 Exhibit A, Master Plan Of Operation For The Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Committee

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0201-19

DATE: July 11, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; AMENDING NABIAU-52-15 EXHIBIT A, MASTER PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE DINÉ URANIUM REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

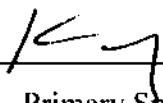
PURPOSE: If approved, this resolution will amend NABIAU-52-15 Exhibit A, Master Plan of Operation for the Dine Uranium Remediation Advisory Committee, by changing the number of commission members from eleven (11) to seven (7), removing the requirement for three members from the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency, the Navajo Superfund Program, and the Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Department, and eliminating the requirement for a youth member.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019

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12 EXHIBIT A, MASTER PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE DINÉ URANIUM
13 REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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15 BE IT ENACTED:

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17 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 18 A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation
19 Council standing committee. 2 N.N.C. § 700(A).
20 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council exercises legislative
21 oversight for the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission with the
22 authority to approve amendments to the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory
23 Commission's Master Plan of Operation. 2 N.N.C. § 3584. *See also* CAP-14-15.

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25 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 26 A. The Navajo Nation Council amended the Navajo Nation Code at 2 N.N.C. § 3580 to
27 establish the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission. *See* CAP-14-15.
28 B. Pursuant to CAP-14-15 and 2 N.N.C. § 3582, the organization of the Navajo Nation
29 Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission shall be set forth in the Master Plan of
30 Operation adopted by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

1 C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee adopted the Master Plan of Operation of the Diné
2 Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission through NABIAU-52-15 attached as
3 **Exhibit A.**

4 D. The Master Plan of Operation at section VIII, bullet point 2, provides for a
5 Commission made up of eleven (11) members, including the Executive Director of
6 the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency, the Director of the Navajo
7 Superfund Program, and the Manager of the Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation
8 Department, or their designees. *See* Master Plan of Operation attached as **Exhibit**
9 **A1.**

10 E. The Master Plan of Operation at section VIII, bullet point 2(c), provides for one
11 Commission member to be a Youth Member under the age of twenty-five (25). *See*
12 **Exhibit A1.**

13 F. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee has determined that it is in the best interests of the
14 Navajo Nation to amend the Master Plan of Operation of the Diné Uranium
15 Remediation Advisory Commission to increase the efficacy and efficiency of the
16 Commission through eliminating the Commission requirements for the Executive
17 Director of the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency, the Director of the
18 Navajo Superfund Program, and the Manager of the Abandoned Mine Lands
19 Reclamation Department, or their designees, and the Youth member.

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21 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING NABUIAU-52-15 BY APPROVING**
22 **AMENDMENTS TO THE MASTER PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE DINÉ**
23 **URANIUM REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

24 The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby amends and adopts
25 the Master Plan of Operation for the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission
26 as follows:

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28 **VIII. The Commission**

29 2. The Commission shall consist of ~~eleven (11)~~ seven (7) members.

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1 a. ~~Three members shall be: The Executive Director of the Navajo Nation~~
2 ~~Environmental Protection Agency, or his/her designee; the Director of the~~
3 ~~Navajo Superfund Program, or his/her designee; and the Manager of the~~
4 ~~Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Department, or his/her designee. In~~
5 ~~the event that any of these members chooses to have a designee act as~~
6 ~~Commission member in his/her stead, the designee shall be an enrolled~~
7 ~~member of the Navajo Nation and shall have a background and expertise in~~
8 ~~environmental science. The designee may be changed or revoked at the will~~
9 ~~of the agency/department head.~~

10 b. Seven Members shall be Community Members, one from each of the six
11 Regions (as defined by the U.S. EPA) affected by past uranium mining –
12 Northern, North Central, Eastern, Southern, Western, and Central – and one
13 selected as an At-Large Community Representative. These seven members
14 shall all be enrolled members of the Navajo Nation.

15 e. ~~One member shall be a Youth Member, who shall be an enrolled member~~
16 ~~of the Navajo Nation under the age of 25 years at the inception of his/her~~
17 ~~term, and who shall have demonstrated a continuing interest in issues to be~~
18 ~~considered by the Commission.~~

19 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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21 Amendments enacted herein shall be effective upon certification by the Chair or Chair
22 Pro Tem of the Naabik'iyáti' Committee pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 189(A).
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