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TITLE: 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

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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.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

Primary Sponsor

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE NAABIK'İYÁTI' COMMITTEE; AMENDING NABIAU-52-15

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

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee. 2 N.N.C. § 700(A).

B. The Naabik’íyáti’ Committee of the Navajo Nation Council exercises legislative oversight for the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission with the authority to approve amendments to the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission’s Master Plan of Operation. 2 N.N.C. § 3584. See also CAP-14-15.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS


B. Pursuant to CAP-14-15 and 2 N.N.C. § 3582, the organization of the Navajo Nation Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission shall be set forth in the Master Plan of Operation adopted by the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.
C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee adopted the Master Plan of Operation of the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission through NABIAU-52-15 attached as Exhibit A.

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

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

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

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

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

VIII. The Commission

2. The Commission shall consist of eleven (11) seven (7) members.
a. Three members shall be: The Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency, or his/her designee; the Director of the Navajo Superfund Program, or his/her designee; and the Manager of the Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Department, or his/her designee. In the event that any of these members chooses to have a designee act as Commission member in his/her stead, the designee shall be an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and shall have a background and expertise in environmental science. The designee may be changed or revoked at the will of the agency/department head.

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

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

SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE

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