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Navajo Nation Council to hold public hearing on hydraulic “fracking”

WINDOW ROCK – The 23rd Navajo Nation Council will hold a public hearing regarding hydraulic fracturing on the Navajo Nation beginning at 9:00 a.m. on May 8, 2017 at Counselor Chapter House, approximately 67-miles southeast of Farmington, NM.

“On behalf of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council, we would like to invite community members from Nageezi, Counselor, Ojo Encino, Torreon, and other surrounding communities to share their concerns regarding hydraulic fracturing on the Navajo Nation,” stated Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse’Daa’Kaan, Upper Fruitland).

On March 9, the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee tabled Legislation No. 0025-17, which sought to request the United Nations to conduct a field hearing regarding the impacts of hydraulic fracturing. Along with the tabling motion, a directive was issued to schedule a public hearing to hear concerns from impacted communities.

The public hearing will concentrate on health issues, air quality, the protection of sacred sites, road conditions, human rights, public safety, jurisdiction, community consultation and communication.

Please see the attached flyer for more information. Please contact the Office of the Speaker at (928) 871 – 7160 if you have any questions.

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