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25th Navajo Nation Council confirms commissioner appointment to Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission



Council Delegate Casey Allen Johnson sponsored legislation to confirm Mabel Franklin's appointment to the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Tuesday, the 25th Navajo Nation Council approved Legislation No. 0024-25, confirming the appointment of Mabel Franklin to the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission. The legislation was sponsored by Resources and Development Committee (RDC) Vice Chair Casey Allen Johnson.

"This appointment comes at a critical time for our Nation, as we continue to confront the widespread and lasting damage caused by over 500 abandoned uranium mines and the federal government's failure to ensure proper cleanup," said RDC Vice Chair Johnson. "Franklin brings a deep commitment to environmental justice and policy, and her voice will be instrumental in pushing for stronger interagency coordination and more transparent, culturally responsible remediation strategies. Her expertise will help the Commission advance solutions that not only restore our lands, but also protect our communities' health, heritage, and future."

Franklin will serve as the community member representing the Western Abandoned Uranium Mine Region. Her appointment follows a thorough review process conducted by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee, which exercises legislative oversight of the Commission. As established under Navajo Nation law, the Council holds authority to appoint six members to the Commission—each representing one of the six uranium-impacted regions defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission is tasked with guiding efforts related to uranium contamination cleanup and policy development. Its members are required to be enrolled members of the Navajo Nation, with backgrounds in environmental science, justice, engineering, social science, health, or policy.

Franklin's qualifications include her experience in environmental justice and policy. Her term on the Commission will extend until September 30, 2029, with the potential for renewal by Council action.

The Navajo Nation Council established the Commission to ensure community representation and advocacy in addressing the legacy of uranium mining across Navajo lands.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council unanimously approved Legislation No. 0024-25, which was included in a consent agenda, with a vote of 18 in favor and none opposed. The Navajo Nation Council serves as the final authority on the legislation.

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