

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2015

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING
SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation standing committee and as such the Naabik'íyáti' Committee confirms the Navajo Nation Speaker's appointments to the Emergency Management Commission. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) (2012) and 882(B) (2009).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Emergency Management Commission within the Legislative Branch. 2 N.N.C. § 881 (2009).
- C. The Emergency Management Commission's purpose is to "coordinate emergency and disaster relief services by the Navajo Nation and non-tribal entities" together with the Navajo Department of Emergency Management. 2 N.N.C. § 883(A) (2009).
- D. The Speaker shall appoint six individuals, one with technical expertise in each of these areas: civil defense/law enforcement, first aid/health, firefighting, environmental, broadcast and print media, and an elected official. 2 N.N.C. §882(A) (2009). EXHIBIT A.
- E. The Speaker appointed the following individuals, whose letters of interest and resumes are attached as exhibits:
 - 1. Edmund Nez, Civil Defense/Law Enforcement Appointee, EXHIBIT B
 - 2. Herman Shorty, First Aid/Health Appointee, EXHIBIT C
 - 3. Dicky Bain, Firefighting Appointee, EXHIBIT D

4. Rick Abasta, Broadcast and Print Media Appointee, EXHIBIT E
5. Honorable Benjamin Bennett, Elected Official Appointee, EXHIBIT F
6. Eugenia Quintana, Environmental Appointee, EXHIBIT G

F. Emergency Management Commission members shall serve a term concurrent with the Navajo Nation President or until replaced. 2 N.N.C. §882(B) (2009).

Section Two. Confirming the Speaker's Appointments

In accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 882 (B), the Naabik'íyáti' Committee confirms:

1. Edmund Nez, Civil Defense/Law Enforcement Appointee
2. Herman Shorty, First Aid/Health Appointee
3. Dicky Bain, Firefighting Appointee
4. Rick Abasta, Broadcast and Print Media Appointee
5. Honorable Benjamin Bennett, Elected Official Appointee
6. Eugenia Quintana, Environmental Appointee

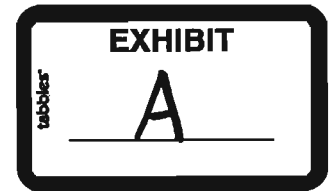
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 13 in favor, 0 oppose, this 25th day of June, 2015.




Seth Damon, Pro Tem Chairperson
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale
Second: Honorable Davis Filfred



Memorandum

To: Edmond Nez, Civil Defense/Law Enforcement Appointee
Herman Shorty, First Aid/Health Appointee
Dicky Bain, Firefighting Appointee
Rick Abasta, Broadcast and Print Media Appointee
Honorable Benjamin Bennett, Elected Official Appointee

From: 
LoRenzo Bates, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council

Date: May 12, 2015

Re: Emergency Management Commission Appointments

I am pleased to appointment you to the Emergency Management Commission (“Commission”). I appointed you because you have technical expertise in one of the subject area required by statute.¹ The Navajo Nation Council established the Commission to “coordinate emergency and disaster relief services by the Navajo Nation and non-tribal entities” together with the Navajo Department of Emergency Management.² Additionally, the Navajo Nation gave the Commission “all powers necessary and proper to carry out the Commission’s purpose, as well as several enumerated powers.”³

Your term as Commission member shall be concurrent with the Navajo Nation President or until replaced.⁴ The Naabik’íyáti’ Committee must confirm your appointment.⁵

Again, I am pleased to appoint you to the Emergency Management Commission.

¹ 2 N.N.C. § 882 (2009).

² *Id.* §883 (A).

³ *Id.* §884.

⁴ *Id.* §882 (B).

⁵ *Id.* see also CJA-03-13, 22nd Navajo Nation Council, § 5(C), 30 (2013).



May 5, 2015



Honorable Speaker LoRenzo Bates

23rd Navajo Nation Council

The Navajo Nation

Good Morning, Sir

I am writing you this letter in good faith to let you know that I am currently interested in membership to the Commission on Emergency Management. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C., Chapter 3, subchapter 11, Article 4, Section 882, (A), wherein it states

Section 882. MEMBERSHIP

- A. The Commission shall compose of six persons, one with technical expertise in each of the following subject areas;
- a. Civil Defense/Law Enforcement;
 - b. First Aid/ Health;
 - c. Environmental;
 - d. Broadcast and Print Media; and an
 - e. Elected Official;

I have 7 ½ years of technical expertise in Law Enforcement along with 4 years of military. I have personally participated in various Emergency Operations. I believe I will be a great addition to the commission by representing for the area of "Civil Defense/Law Enforcement" on behalf of the Legislative Branch and the Navajo Nation.

I would graciously appreciate any favorable response or acceptance into the commission

Sincerely

Edmund O. Nez

Edmund Otis Nez
P.O. Box 1013 Window Rock, Arizona 86515
(928) 797-6995 cell

Interested in becoming a member of the Commission on Emergency Management

EDUCATION/TRAINING

- Arizona State Certified Peace Officer academy, Navajo Police September 2004-February 2005
- Tactical Operators Course SWAT- November 2005,
- Leadership and Supervisor Training- June 2007
- Incident Command System, ICS- 100 and 700 Intro to National Incident Management System- June 2009
- United States Marine Corps, 1998-2002, Small Arms Repairman March 1999
- Ganado High School graduate class of May 1998

EXPERIENCE

- May 2013 to Current, Senior Office Specialist, Legislative Branch-Office of the Speaker
- January 2013-May2013, Office Specialist, Legislative Branch-Office of Legislative Services
- August 2012-December 2012, Office Specialist, Navajo Special Diabetes Project
- August 2004-July 2012, Senior Police Officer, Navajo Nation Police Department-Dilkon
- February 2004-August 2004, Human Resources Records Clerk, Navajo Nation DPM
- September 2003-october 2003, Human Resources Records Clerk, Navajo Nation DPM
- July 2003 – September 2003, Office Assistant-Navajo Nation Division of Human Resources
- USMC 1998-2002, Small Arms Repairman-Preventative Maintenance of weapon systems

HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS

- Training Coordinator experience, maintained, sustained records and have passed annual audits
- Hosted Mass Casualty Training, worked closely with Indian Health Services Emergency Preparedness
- Liaison experience Housing and Police, instructed/ presented on community awareness projects, and Community Policing
- 5 years supervisory experience, Officer In Charge/ Acting Sergeant
- General overall knowledge of office duties, correspondences, and fiscal matters
- Have been employed as an Office Assistant, Office Specialist, Sr. Office Specialist and a Human Resources Records Clerk

REFERENCES

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|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| • Laverne Nez | HC 63 Box 257 Winslow, Az 86047 | (928) 657-3451 |
| • Lambert Baldwin | HC 63 Box 786 Winslow, Az 86047 | (928) 657-8075 |




Navajo Department of Health
Office of Environmental Health/Code Enforcement
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MEMORANDUM

TO : Honorable Speaker LeRenzo Bates
23rd Navajo Nation Council
THE NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

FROM : 
Herman Shorty, Program Supervisor III
Office of Environmental Health/Code Enforcement
NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DATE : January 28, 2015

SUBJECT : Letter of Interest – Membership to the Commission on Emergency Management

Congratulations!

I join with you in providing services to your constituents and am committed to providing the necessary services and will support you and the Council in any capacity to fulfill our duties and responsibilities on behalf of our people, including emergency preparedness and response.

That stated, I, Herman Shorty, and as you may be aware, have served on the Commission on Emergency Management for the area of "First Aid/Health" and as Chairman.

Therefore, with all due respect, please accept this memorandum as my **Letter of Interest** to remain on the Commission on Emergency Management (Commission). My interest to remain on the Commission is to provide continuity and believe it to be in the best interest of the Nation. My resume' is attached hereto.

Pursuant to 2 N.N.C., Chapter 3, Subchapter 11, Article 4, Section 882, (B), wherein it states:

Section 882. MEMBERSHIP

B. All members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and confirmed by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Navajo Nation Council and shall serve a term concurrent to that of the President of the Navajo Nation, or until replaced, whichever is longer.

With continuity in mind, I am recommending that the following individuals also be selected to remain in on the Commission as well due to their technical expertise and commitment and dedication and, mainly their experience, they are:

1. Ms. Eugenia Quintana, Environmental Department Manager, Air & Toxic Department, Navajo Environmental Protection Agency, for her technical expertise in "Environmental";
2. Mr. Dick Bain, Senior Safety Technician, Safety/Loss Control, Insurance Services Department, Division of General Services, for his technical expertise in "Firefighting";
3. Mr. Rick Abasta, Communications Director, Office of the President/Vice President, Navajo Nation, for his technical expertise in "Broadcast and Print Media";

Résumé
Herman Shorty
P.O. Box 2372, Window Rock, Arizona 86515

In my interest of continuing to serve on the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management in the technical expertise subject area of "First Aid/Health", I respectfully submit the following as support:

WORK HISTORY

1984 - Present:	Director Office of Environmental Health/Code Enforcement Navajo Division of Health Window Rock, Arizona	Wherein Emergency factors in responses to disasters/emergencies such as: Public Health factors in response, recovery, mitigation, & planning, etc. is a key component.
1974 - 1984:	Civil Engineering Technician Sanitation Facilities Construction Branch Office of Environmental Health & Engineering Portland Area Office Indian Health Service, U.S. Public Health	Wherein Public Health emergencies or disasters were factors for consideration of community preparedness in design of community or individual systems was a key component.
1970 - 1974:	Independent Contractor and Volunteer, Wilderness Search & Rescue	Whereby response to emergencies or disasters were part of recovery and planning for mitigation was experienced first-hand and understood to date.

EMERGENCY

1984 - 1990:	Emergency Planner, Responder	Involvement in emergencies within the Navajo Nation and instrumental in aiding in the establishment of the Commission on Emergency Management.
1990 - 2011:	Chair Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management	Technical Expertise in the subject area of "First-Aid/Health"

TRAINING (with respect to emergency)

Federal Emergency Management Agency/Department of Homeland Security:

- Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments
- ICS 100
- ICS 700
- ICS 300

CDC/Louisville Metro Health Department/Louisville Crisis Group:

- Louis Metro Community Based Emergency Response Program

The National Emergency Response & Rescue Training Center/Department of Homeland Security/Office of Domestic Preparedness:

- EMS Operations & Planning for Weapons of Mass Destruction

Arizona Division of Emergency Management

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer (G-417)
- ICS Public Officials (G-194)

Arizona Department of Health Services

- Bioterrorism and Health Threats
- Vector-Borne & Zoonotic Diseases

NM Department of Health/Epidemiology & Response Division/Office of Health Emergency Management

- Train-the-Trainer Pandemic Flu Planning

Department of Health & Human Services/Public Health Services/Indian Health Service/Division of Facilities & Environmental Engineering

- Basic Environmental Health Practices Course

NM Institute of Mining and Technology

- 2002 Anti-Terrorism Training

National Fire Protection Association

- Emergency Response Planning Workshop

Metropolitan Medical Response System

- Bio-Terrorism Nation Pharmaceutical Stockpile Mass Dispensing Site

Division of Strategic National Stockpile Program

- Strategic National Stockpile Program Mobile Preparedness Course

Navajo Nation Veterinary Program/American Veterinary Foundation

- 2009 Foreign Animal Disease Disaster Training



Dicky Bain
Post Office Box 2714
Window Rock, Arizona 86515
February 24, 2015

Honorable Lorenzo Bates, Speaker
23rd Navajo Nation Council
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Honorable Speaker,

This shall serve as my letter of interest for consideration to the Commissioner position with the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management. I am interested in the position to render my knowledge and experience in emergency preparedness and planning for the Navajo Nation. In particular the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986, Title III mandates.


I am qualified to take on this task as I have in my previous selection for the position. You will notice that my background is extensive, spanning 45 years in the fire service, emergency management and safety health loss control. I am a military Veteran of the U.S. Air Force, my specialty was in fire protection. I further my education earning an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts and Business. I have continued my education at University of New Mexico – Gallup.

I have worked with many agencies on and off the reservation in various capacities to address disasters, preparedness, mitigation and recovery. This includes serving as Director of the Navajo Red Cross, serving in two national disasters with the American Red Cross. I have served as Fire Chief for more than 20 with the Navajo Nation Fire Services.

As Commissioner, I will bring my fire protection knowledge and skills to address emergency preparedness, mitigation and recovery. Public safety is important to me, and I would like to support this important effort. Having serviced in the emergency field, I pride myself on my dependability and ability to serve the organization.

I would appreciate an opportunity to serve the Navajo Nation in this capacity. If there is any question, please call me at telephone (928) 871-6085, or cell phone (505) 870-7726. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Dicky Bain

RÉSUMÉ
Dicky Bain
P.O. Box 2714, Window Rock, Arizona 86515
April 11, 2012

The following will serve as support information to serve on the Navajo Nation Commission of Emergency Management, the fire protection representative. My work experience is in fire services, emergency management, and safety & health.

Employment History

2011 - Present	<u>Senior Safety Technician</u> NN Safety Loss Control Program Window Rock, Arizona 86515	Serve as safety & health inspector, accident investigation, and instructor. Conduct assessment for programs, worksites & assist with preparedness, contingency planning, code compliance.
1982 – 2011:	<u>Deputy Fire Chief</u> Navajo Nation Fire & Rescue Services Navajo Division of Public Safety Window Rock, Arizona	Serve in fire prevention section conduct inspection; fire operations; hazardous materials & reporting; response to and resolve emergency disasters; serve on local NIMS group; community preparedness planning; and NN Commission on Emergency Management. Key accomplishment is start-up NN Fire & Rescue Services & various functions.
1977 – 1982:	<u>Safety Officer</u> Navajo Nation Safety Department Office of Insurance Service Window Rock, Arizona	Serve in fire & safety inspector capacity overseeing tribal workplaces safety. Implement property valuation system, fire safety trainings.
1969 – 1976	<u>Fire Protection Specialist (E-5)</u> U.S. Air Force (Veteran) Europe, USA, SE Asia	Perform fire & rescue, prevention, training, work with military aircrafts, missile Sites, explosives at military bases.

Emergency Services

1982 – 2011	<u>Fire Officer</u> , Emergency Responder	Respond to Navajo Nation emergencies and mitigate situation. Member of NN emergency management function programs and commission. Available & 24/7 response.
1990 – 2010	<u>Member</u> – Fire Protection Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Mgt. Window Rock, Arizona	Provide technical expertise in the function of emergency management; legislative functions; community emergency planning/plan certification. Available and provided 24/7 response.

Education/Training

• Fire Protection Specialist	U.S. Air Force Fire Academy
• Firefighter I & II - Training	Northland Pioneer College
• Firefighter I & II – State Certified	Arizona State Fire Marshal
• Fire Officer & State Certified	Socorro Fire Academy; New Mexico
• Fire Prevention Specialist	National Fire Academy
• Associate Degree – Business	Dineh College
• Associate Degree – Liberal Arts	Dineh College
• Hazardous Material Technician	Navajo County Emergency Services
• Rural Community Fire Protection	National Fire Academy
• ICS 100 – Introduction Emergency Management	Federal Emergency Management
• ICS 700 – National Incident Management System	Homeland Security

Rick Abasta
P.O. Box 779 Window Rock, AZ 86515



February 24, 2015

Honorable Speaker LeRenzo Bates
23rd Navajo Nation Council
Navajo Nation Legislative Branch
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

RE: Letter of Interest – Commission on Emergency Management Membership

Dear Honorable Speaker:

Please allow this document to serve as my official letter of interest for the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management technical expertise area of "*Broadcast and Print Media*" and therein serve as the public information officer for the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management. I am proud to state that I previously served in this capacity for the Commission and I would like to respectfully request favorable consideration once again.

As requested, I have attached an updated résumé with my letter of interest.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require additional information or documents. I can be reached via email at rickabasta@gmail.com or by cellphone at 928-245-7607 or through the U.S. Postal Services at Post Office Box 779 Window Rock, AZ 86515.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick D. Abasta".

Rick Abasta
Applicant

Attachment:

RICKY D. ABASTA
P.O. BOX 779
WINDOW ROCK, AZ 86515

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WWW.MAIIPRODUCTIONS.COM
RICKABASTA@MAIIPRODUCTIONS.COM

PROFILE

Writing, Photography, Videography, Desktop Publishing, Graphic Design, Public Relations, Web Design
I have over 20 years experience producing stories, photos, scripts, videos, graphics, advertisements, press releases, newsletters, magazines, media kits, marketing plans, and websites.

EXPERIENCE

Dec. 2013 - PRESENT

Communications Director – Office of the President and Vice President – Window Rock, Ariz.

I served as spokesman for the Navajo Nation and worked with local, regional and national news outlets. I wrote press releases, media advisories, speeches, advertisements, talking points, and reports. I produced a newsletter, Hozhooji Nahata Ba Hane' and wrote the stories, produced photos and completed the design and layout. I formatted quarterly reports, agency council reports, white paper reports and various other duties as needed. Multi-tasking responsibilities included AP-Style writing, desktop publishing, graphic design, videography, photography, web design and radio.

Oct. 2012 - Dec. 2013

Public Information Officer – Navajo Division of Transportation – Window Rock, Ariz.

I wrote press releases, public service announcements, radio scripts and video scripts for Navajo DOT events and news. I also developed a quarterly newsletter, Atiin Ba Hane', which featured stories, photos and advertisements. In addition to these mediums, I also produced several videos and distributed via You Tube, films on transportation emergencies, projects and news. I formatted quarterly reports, monthly reports, white paper reports and various other duties as needed. My primary function was to distribute news to local and national media outlets. I also updated the website regularly.

April 2011 – July 2012

Public Information Officer – Navajo Nation Division of Community Development – Window Rock, Ariz.

I produced stories, photos and videos of NNDCD news and events. This included graphic designs, advertisements, desktop publishing, website updates, and non-linear video editing. This position also required frequent contact with Navajo Nation chapters, Navajo Nation Council and the division's oversight committee. Other duties included formatting strategic plans, distribution of Navajo Nation Council legislation, editing stories and photos for the division newsletter. This position required an extensive amount of writing stories and coordination with various media outlets.

Oct. 2008 – Jan. 2009

Media Specialist – Navajo Parks and Recreation Dept. – Window Rock, Ariz.

My responsibilities involved the marketing of five Navajo Nation parks through print, radio, video and web. This required advertisements, press releases, photos, videos (including shooting/editing), and the creation of a newsletter. In addition, I also guided public relations efforts for the special events section for the Fourth of July Youth Celebration and PRCA Pro Rodeo and Navajo Nation Fair. I wrote produced marketing plans and a media kit for advertisements in the 2008 Fourth of July magazine. I produced stories, photos, desktop publishing and copy editing of the magazine, which was published in the June 25, 2008 edition of the Navajo Times and distributed in over 22,000 newspapers.

Nov. 2004 – Jan. 2008

Public Information Officer – Navajo Housing Authority – Window Rock, Ariz.

I provided story, photo and video coverage of NHA news and events, while disseminating information to local media outlets in print, radio, web, and video mediums. I was responsible for producing press releases, newsletters, photos, videos, advertisements, and websites. I designed media campaigns, established advertising agreements and maintained a consistent positive presence in the local and national press. I traveled extensively and provided media coverage across several mediums while serving in the capacity of media crisis manager and company spokesperson.

Nov. 2001 - July 2004

Advertising Manager/Staff Writer – Navajo Times – Window Rock, Ariz.

My responsibilities as advertising manager required meeting weekly deadlines and revenue goals through lead sourcing, prospecting and advertising account maintenance for the Navajo Times. I created the new company media kit, identified businesses for cross-marketing opportunities, and produced various advertising campaigns and packages designed to increase revenue generation. I supervised a staff of two graphic artists and one accountant, providing copy editing and conceptual support. Beyond my advertising duties, I also produced stories and photos published as editorial content for the newspaper. My endeavors in both the advertising and editorial fields of the paper netted awards from the Arizona Newspaper Association and the Native American Journalists Association, respectively.

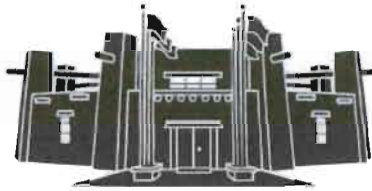
Feb. 2001 – Aug. 2001

Advertising Account Executive – Phoenix New Times – Phoenix, Ariz.

I provided consultative advertising sales, prospecting, lead-sourcing, cold calling, and reconciliation of live advertising accounts. This included outside sales calls, personal interface with prospective clients. I also compiled advertisement content, provided customer service, assisted with verbiage, conceptualization, and artwork selection for display ads. For standard liner advertisements, the focus was on up-selling opportunities to creative effective advertising campaigns for clients, while simultaneously guiding clients for the best return on their investment. I met revenue goals and deadlines.



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
NAVAJO NATION



HONORABLE LORENZO BATES
Speaker, 23rd Navajo Nation Council

MEMORANDUM

DATE : May 6, 2015

TO : Honorable Lorenzo Bates,
Speaker, 23rd Navajo Nation Council

FROM :


Honorable Benjamin Bennett
23rd Navajo Nation Council

SUBJECT : **LETTER OF INTEREST – MEMBERSHIP TO THE COMMISSION ON
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

This Memo shall serve as my letter of interest and intent to continue to serve on the Commission on Emergency Management pursuant to 2 N.N.C., Chapter 3, Subchapter 11, Article 4, Section 882, (A)(f), as an Elected official. I am currently serving in this capacity and wish to extend my service to maintain continuity and lend my expertise to this valuable and critical organization.

Thank you for your consideration.

Benjamin Bennett
P. O. Box 465
Fort Defiance, Arizona 86504

WORK HISTORY

*Department of Behavioral Health
Division of Health
Program Manager I (current)*

*The Space Within (TSW),
Environmental Scientist. Consultant*

*Pacific Western Technologies
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Business Development Consultant*

*Department of Transportation and
Planning-Navajo Nation, Program
Director/Administrative Services Officer
III, 1995-2003*

*Department of Agriculture, Division of
Natural Resources-Navajo Nation,
Deputy Director, 1994-1995*

*Public Affairs Program, Division of
Natural Resources-Navajo Nation, Fair
Manager, 1992-1994*

*Navajo Superfund Program, Division of
Natural Resources-Navajo Nation,
Health Physicist, 1991*

EDUCATION

*Bachelor of Science, Biology,
9 credits lacking, University of New
Mexico*

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

*Certificate of Training: Bureau of Indian
Affairs, Environmental Document
Writing*

*Certificate of Completion: Shipley
Associates, Environmental Documents*

*Training Seminar: Transportation of
Hazardous Materials and Wastes; U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency
Regulations on the Handling of
Hazardous Wastes under RCRA
Guidelines*

*Training Program: U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency,
Pesticide Enforcement for
Inspectors*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. Bennett has 32 years of experience in industry, consulting, and public works. He has provided project management on projects involving transportation, agriculture, environmental hazards, and regulatory compliance. He has served as a program director and administrative services officer on numerous Navajo Nation Department of Transportation and Planning projects throughout New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah. His professional experience includes holding presidential positions in local chapter communities; currently holds the President position of the Tse-ho-tso, Inc., a non-profit organization. In addition to his technical and management skills, he brings extensive experience in the development of legislations, policies, rules, and regulations relating to the Navajo Nation's transportation needs. Mr. Bennett has also served as a liaison for the Navajo Nation Department of Transportation and Planning to enhance coordination efforts with industry and federal, state, and tribal agencies.

Mr. Bennett is also experienced in environmental review, land withdrawal procedures, and right-of-way clearances of tribal trust lands. He has conducted and supervised numerous environmental site assessments as a consultant for the Navajo Nation.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Behavioral Health: (11 years' experience)

- Supervised 38 staff in the Fort Defiance agency Department of Behavioral Health which consisted of Tohatchi, New Mexico, Newlands, Arizona and Fort Defiance, Arizona out Patient Treatment Centers. Administered work assignments, reviewed job performance, coordinated staff activities and worked cooperatively with Clinical Specialist, Principal Substance Abuse Counselors at all administrative levels. Scheduled and conducted training for program manager/directors and supervisor level personnel. Administered and managed all personnel functions such as processing PAF's, maintaining personnel records and files, developing position descriptions, class specifications, recruitment and hiring of new staff and vacant positions. Ensure compliance with Federal and Tribal contractual requirements. Managed and evaluated all program services to ensure that quality services are consistently available and provided. Established/maintained cooperative working relationships and negotiated/implemented services MOU's with numerous outside referral agencies. Maintained administrative contact with the Office of the Department Director and the Office of the Substance Abuse/Mental Health in the development and implementation of a Drug Free Work Place environment. Planned for the further development of the Employee Wellness Program. Development strategies to increase employee participation and seek additional resources agencies to expand services activities. Prepared written monthly, quarterly and annual program activities, reports as required. Promoted and advocated the program by utilization of available media resources, promotional and advertising materials.

Community Associations: (5 years' experience)

- **Chapter President, Fort Defiance Chapter**
As an elected official of the Fort Defiance Chapter, works with the local community in all aspects of ensuring the needs of the people are addressed. Works closely with the Navajo Nation government, the County government, and State and Federal organizations.
- **President, Tse-Ho-Tso Inc.**
Serve as president of this non-profit organization; work with other non-profit organizations as well as other chapters.
- **Blue Canyon Inc.**
Served as Chairman of the Board of this for-profit organization; work with businesses toward developing capacity building for the Fort Defiance community for economic self-sustainability.

Transportation and Planning: (9 years' experience)

- **Navajo Nation Department of Transportation and Planning**
Supervised up to 40 staff and oversaw the daily operation of the Navajo Nation Department of Transportation and Planning. Developed legislations, policies, and rules and regulations relating to the Navajo Nations transportation needs using feasibility studies and analyses. Implemented and monitored program operations to ensure compliance with guidelines, regulations, and requirements of various funding agencies, the Navajo Nation, and state agencies. Directed and organized efforts to gather and disseminate information to appropriate agencies. Directed the development of methodologies used to raise revenues for the development of the Navajo Nation transportation system. Developed effective coordination and planning of all transportation priorities between the Navajo Nation and various entities. Prepared and recommended effective priority criteria for project schedules and five-year transportation plans for the Navajo Nation. Report on department activities, progress, and recommend to the Transportation and Community Development Committee to develop policies and guidelines concerning all modes of transportation within the Navajo Nation. Developed and maintained current computerized management and reporting system to manage and report department activities.
- **Pacific Western Technologies**
Worked as a consultant with PWT, marketing the services of the company, soliciting new customers geared toward the Navajo Nation government and organizations for geographic information systems (GIS) design and implementation in a wide variety of applications for programs of Transportation and Planning, Emergency Preparedness and other programs in housing and information technology. My responsibilities included coordinating projects and working as a liaison between the Navajo Nation as it relates to GIS assessments and IT infrastructure.

Environmental: (Over 15 years' experience)

- **Navajo Superfund Program, Division of Resources, Navajo Nation**
Prepared preliminary assessments of various abandoned mines and toxic waste sites on the Navajo Nation for consideration by U.S. E.P.A Superfund priority cleanup listing. Planned, organized, promoted and administered radiological safety programs. Surveyed and evaluated ionizing radiation hazards. Developed policies and procedures for the protection of personnel and the handling of radioactive materials. Assessed adequacy of protective equipment and clothing. Conducted frequent surveys and inspections to insure compliance with established standards. Advised technical personnel in the application of radioactivity calculations for shielding and decontamination procedures. Tested work areas for hazardous/toxic materials. Developed criteria for design and modification of health physics equipment to improve radiation protection. Advised public authorities on dealing with radiation hazards.

- **Western Gas Processors, Ltd.**
Prepared the Environmental Assessment for proposed application for a gas line right-of-way to transport natural gas, Apache County, Arizona.
- **Lower Greasewood Branch, Arizona**
Prepared the Environmental Assessment for the proposed mission site of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints at Lower Greasewood, Navajo County, Arizona.
- **Lower Greasewood Memorial Rodeo Club**
Prepared the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Lower Greasewood Memorial Rodeo Arena and related facilities, Lower Greasewood, Navajo County, Arizona.
- **Gap/Bodaway Chapter, Arizona**
Prepared the Environmental Assessment for the proposed withdrawal of six acres of tribal trust land for use as a New Bitter Springs Preschool in the Tuba City Agency of the Navajo Nation.
- **Church of Nazarene, Navajo Station**
Prepared the Environmental Assessment for proposed permanent improvements and additional expansion of the Navajo Station Church of Nazarene, Apache County, Arizona.
- **Glen Canyon Dam and Little Colorado River Recreational Area**
Reviewed and prepared the Environmental Impact Statement for the Glen Canyon and Little Colorado Recreational area as the Navajo Nation Fair Manager for the Division of Resources.
- **Shiprock Fairgrounds**
Supervised the environmental assessment for the Shiprock Fairgrounds, Shiprock Fair Board, in New Mexico.

Agricultural: (5 years' experience)

- **Department of Agriculture, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation**
Administered multiple agricultural programs as a deputy director including cost sharing, grazing management, veterinary, range conservation, civil conservation, and tribal ranches. Worked closely with Farm Boards, Grazing Committees, and Soil and Water Conservation Districts while supervising 70 employees.

Public Relations: (Over 10 years' experience)

- **Navajo Nation Fair Manager, Public Affairs Program, Division of Resources, Navajo Nation**
Developed and implemented a tourism initiative for the development of park facilities and visitor centers for the Navajo Nation Tourism Center. Attended meetings related to environmental impact statements, environmental review, land withdrawal procedures, and right-of-way clearances of tribal trust lands considered for tourism development. Administered the annual Navajo Nation Fair events. Managed the Public Affairs Program including the Fish and Wildlife Program, Parks and Recreation-Tourism Department, Cultural Affairs, and the Navajo Nation Museum. Represented the Navajo Nation at professional meetings and trade shows and provided technical assistance to Region IX Associations at the Navajo Indian Rodeo Finals. Planned and implemented effective community events in coordination with public, tribal, and non-tribal organizations including Treaty Days, Hands Across America, Dokos Liid Day, and the Navajo Youth Fair.
- **Marketing Manager, Durango Center for Behavioral Health, La Plata County Hospital**
Utilized marketing and public relations techniques for planning, organizing, promoting, and administering referral development for LaPlata County Hospital within and surrounding the Navajo Nation and the greater Southwest. Implemented a liaison role between the Navajo Nation, other Indian Nations, and governmental agencies.
- **Native American Gaming Association**
Utilized strong public relations to assist various Indian Tribes with developing Indian gaming for the purpose of tribal sovereignty.

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BEN SHELLY PRESIDENT
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February 20 2015

Anthony Peterman
Legislative Staff Assistance
Office of the Speaker
Navajo Nation Legislative Branch
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Re: Commission on Emergency Management Membership – Recommended Candidates

Dear Mr. Peterman:

Per our brief discussion regarding the Commission on Emergency Management (CEM) membership, I am pleased to submit my letter of interest and therein recommendations of maintaining four of the recent CEM membership in the interest of continuity and expediency.

I am in the process of obtaining the required letters of interest and updated resumes from the respective candidates. Each respective candidates have experience in matters related to emergencies planning and response and shall become a valuable assets to the Navajo Nation. Their selection therefore completes the roster of the commission.

Thank you for your kind consideration and look forward to your legislation of appointment. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free in contacting me at Tribal extension 6349 or my mobile number 505/870-9002.

Sincerely yours,

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Herman Shorty Herman Shorty, Program Supervisor III
Office of Environmental Health/Code Enforcement
NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Attachments:



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE
JONATHAN NEZ



May 12, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my interest in an appointment to the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management (NNCEM), to coincide with representation from Environmental.

From June 2003 to the present, I have served as a Commissioner with the NNCEM and as the Vice Chairperson, participating as the representative from the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA). The continued work of the NNCEM is significant for the Navajo Nation in addressing emergency management interests and issues. Similarly, the goals of the NNEPA with regard to protecting human health and environment align with the interests of the NNCEM. My past work with both the NNCEM and the NNEPA have fostered initiatives such as the development of the Navajo Nation Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, awareness and implementation of expeditious environmental reviews for emergency situations and, sharing Tier II data among tribal stakeholders with interest in promoting community awareness about Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).

I offer experience and subject-matter knowledge to the NNCEM and, if re-appointed, will continue to serve on the NNCEM with conviction on behalf of the Navajo Nation in protecting lives, property, cultural and traditional interests in the event of natural or man-made disasters.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugenia Quintana".

Eugenia Quintana
Environmental Department Manager
Air & Toxics Department
Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency
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Window Rock, Arizona 86515
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Eugenia LaCharles Quintana

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Education

Summer 2010, With Distinction, Master of Community & Regional Planning, Natural Resources & Environmental Planning, University of New Mexico

December 2004, Bachelor of University Studies, University of New Mexico

Tribal Affiliation

Enrolled member of the Navajo (Dine) Nation. Clans: Nakai dine'e (Mexican Clan), and born for the Hona'gha anii (One Who Walks Around Clan)

Work Experience

Environmental Department Manager, June 2007 to Present

Air & Toxics Department, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

Under administrative direction, manages four media specific programs, departmental budgets, personnel, federal work plans, monitors and analyzes proposed environmental rulemakings for potential impacts to the Navajo Nation, prepares executive and/or legislative proposals in response to rulemakings ensuring the interests of the Navajo Nation, develops scientific assessments and studies to fulfill the Navajo Nation's commitment to protect human health and environment, and to meet the regulatory and statutory requirements of the Clean Air Act, the Navajo Nation Air Pollution Prevention and Control Act and other applicable rules and regulations.

Senior Environmental Specialist, May 1999 to June 2007

Office of Environmental Review, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

Reviewed environmental documentation submitted by project proponents to undertake development on the Navajo Nation to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the Navajo Nation Environmental Policy Act, including Navajo and federal environmental laws, rules and regulations; provided technical and compliance assistance; served as project manager at select remedial sites.

Environmental Specialist I, January 1996 to April 1999

Radon Program/Lead Program, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

Administered Rn and Pb Programs, supervised program staff, planned and completed fiscal program budgets, work plans, conducted Rn surveys at all schools on the Navajo Nation, provided mitigation recommendations based upon Rn levels, completed Lead-based paint hazard assessments for schools, drafted Navajo Nation Lead-Based Paint Rules and Regulations, drafted QAPP for Pb sampling activities.

Environmental Specialist I, September 1992 to December 1995

Integrated Waste Management Project, Navajo Nation EPA

Directed program staff in the identification and survey of 435 open dump sites on the Navajo Nation, developed Navajo Nation database to maintain site information, developed tribal guidelines for reclamation and closure of open dump sites on the Navajo Nation, planned and managed program budget.

Awards

Certificate of Award, Navajo Achiever in Leadership, Authenticity and Innovation in Science, Engineering, Technology and Natural Resource, Office of the President and Vice President, September 6, 2013.

Community and Regional Planning Program, Community Building Award, School of Architecture and Planning, UNM, September 29, 2006

American Indian Council of Architects and Engineers Award, School of Architecture and Planning, UNM, September 2006

Certificate of Appreciation for Dedicated Services to the Navajo Nation On and Beyond the Call of Duty, Navajo Division of Public Safety, 2005

Certificate of Appreciation, For Outstanding Contribution Towards Recovery Efforts on Behalf of the Navajo Nation, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Arizona Department of Emergency Management (ADEM), 2005

Affiliations

Commissioner, Vice-Chairperson, Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management, June 2003 to Present

Appointed by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Navajo Nation to participate in overseeing and guiding in the development and implementation of emergency management programs for the Navajo Nation, develop and facilitate policies, laws, codes, or partnerships to effectively address emergency preparedness, response, mitigation, and overall capacity of the Navajo Nation to protect lives, property, cultural and traditional interests on behalf of the Navajo People in the event of natural or man-made disasters.

Member, MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) Team, FWDA (Fort Wingate Depot Activity) Land Transfer Project, January 2005 to Present

Upon the recommendation of the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council and the President of the Navajo Nation, appointed by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to serve as the environmental advisor among a team of Navajo Nation representatives participating in the transfer of FWDA lands from the Department of Defense (DoD) to the Department of Interior (DOI), Bureau of Indian Affairs and to facilitate the land to Tribal Trust Lands status.

Licenses and Certificates

AHERA 24-Hour Asbestos Inspector, Field Sciences Institute, June 2009

AHERA 24-Hour Asbestos Inspector Refresher, Field Sciences Institute, 11-14-2014

AHERA 16-Hour Asbestos Management Planner, Field Sciences Institute, June 2009

AHERA 16-Hour Asbestos Management Planner Refresher, Field Sciences Institute, 11-14-2014

40-Hour Hazardous Waste Workers Training Course (OSHA) April 1993

USEPA Hazardous Materials Incident Response Operations (165.5), Mesa, Arizona, May 1993

8-Hour Hazardous Waste Operations Refresher, Field Sciences Institute, 07-17-2014

16-Hour Assessment & Management of Indoor Air Quality, 03-10-2015