

**RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
of the 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2023**

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2024 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Environmental Protection Agency. 2 N.N.C. §500(A); 2 N.N.C. §501(C)(1).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee concerning the budget in accordance with the annual budget instructions. 12 N.N.C. § 840 (A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Oversight Committee recommendations shall not exceed the base planning amounts. 12 N.N.C. §840(A). The base planning amounts were established by the Budget and Finance Committee through Resolution No. BFJY-15-23.
- B. The Resources and Development Committee held budget meetings and heard reports from Program staff and the Office of Management and Budget regarding the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Environmental Protection Agency. 12 N.N.C. §840(A).
- C. The Resources and Development Committee reviewed and considered the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Environmental Protection Agency, as compared to the base planning amounts and as recommended by the Office of Management and Budget.

- D. The Resources and Development Committee finds that approval of the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Environmental Protection Agency and inclusion of such Budget in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation.

SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND RELATED MATTERS

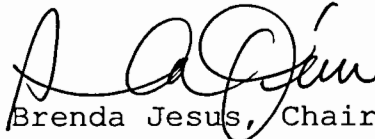
- A. The Resources and Development Committee hereby approves the FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Environmental Protection Agency, as detailed in the "Fund Type Budget Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- B. The Resources and Development Committee hereby approves certain revisions to the Branch Chiefs' proposed FY2024 Budget amount for the Navajo Environmental Protection Agency, as shown in Columns D and E in the "General Fund Comparative Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- C. The Resources and Development Committee recommends the changes to the General Fund Budget described in **Exhibit C**.
- D. The Resources and Development Committee recommends certain Conditions of Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, as listed in **Exhibit D**.
- E. The Resources and Development Committee recommends that certain Unmet Needs for the Navajo Environmental Protection Agency be included in the FY2024 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in **Exhibit E**.
- F. The Resources and Development Committee recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee approve the Navajo Environmental Protection Agency FY2024 Budget and all Committee recommendations as set forth in **Exhibits A-E**.
- G. The Resources and Development Committee hereby authorizes the Chairwoman and the Vice-Chairman to negotiate with the Budget and Finance Committee on these recommendations.

SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Action shall become effective as provided in 2 N.N.C. §189(A).

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 25th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at St. Michaels, (Navajo Nation) Arizona, at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, on this 10th day of August 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brenda Jesus', is written over the printed name.

Brenda Jesus, Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
Of the 25th Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Danny Simpson

Second: Honorable Rickie Nez

The Navajo Nation
Fund Type Budget Summary

Business Unit Number	Program Title	FY 2023 General Fund Budget	FY 2024								Total
			Proposed General Fund Budget	Indirect Cost Fund	Personnel Lapse Fund	External Funds Cash Match	Proprietary Fund	Fiduciary Fund	Special Revenue Fund - Internal	Special Revenue Fund - External	
111001	NNEPA - Administration	294,396	282,648	87,839						8,093,953	8,464,440
111002	Air & Toxics Department	115,284	112,481								112,481
111004	Surface&GWP Dept	199,207	142,540								142,540
111010	Waste Reg&Compl Dept	110,108	110,108								110,108
111011	Res Conserv & Rec Pgm	350,529	350,529								350,529
111014	Criminal Enforcemt Dept	312,919	306,354								306,354
111016	Radon Program	38,917	41,720								41,720
511001	Leaking Underground	800,000							400,000	85,500	485,500
511002	Underground Storage	280,000							280,000		280,000
511003	Underground Injection C	300,000							300,000	131,932	431,932
511004	AQ Operating Permit	1,100,000							1,160,000	197,000	1,357,000
511005	Public Water Systems	300,000							300,000	879,000	1,179,000
511006	Clean Water	16,028							42,680	7,696,081	7,738,761
511007	Hazardous Substance	1,500,000							1,500,000	2,122,548	3,622,548
118024/111003	Pesticides Enforcement	23,333				23,633				212,700	236,333
118024/111005	Public Water Systems	203,667				209,667				629,000	838,667
118024/111006	Underground Injection C	40,049				43,977				313,932	357,909
118024/111008	Air Quality Program	10,526				18,254				244,396	262,650
118024/111015	Water Quality/NPDES	56,579				0				1,500,000	1,500,000
118024/111018	Indoor Radon Program	60,000				60,000				90,000	150,000
Total:		6,111,542	1,346,380	87,839	0	355,531	0	0	3,982,680	22,196,042	27,968,472

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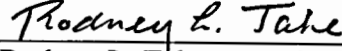
**The Navajo Nation
Recommended Unmet Needs Budgets**

Branch: Executive **Division/Office:** Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

Business Unit Number	Program Title	Amount of Unmet Need	Explanation of Recommended UNMET NEEDS to the FY 2023 General Fund Budget
111001	NN EPA Office of Executive Director/Administration	78,651	Re-establish a Sr. Public Information Officer position is needed at the Executive Administration to provide direct support in communication and outreach to the Navajo Public, especially in the area of Uranium Clean Up and Abandoned Mines Land. \$47,481.12 x 43.38% = \$68,078.43 with Salary Adjustments of \$7,000 and Insurance Premiums \$536. Total Amount requested: \$78,652.00
111011	Resources Conservation & Recovery Program	56,363	5000 Lease and Rental to Pay Building Space/Lease for RCRP; 6000 Repairs and Maintenance to hire consultant to set up network and purchase a database for RCRP Building being leased
111014	Criminal Enforcement Department	42,160	Re-establish the Criminal Enforcement Department to respond to environmental violations, spills, and other public emergencies. The CED has no operating budget for FY 2024 Budget. Travel Exps: Units mileage & maintenance \$13,398; Meals/Lodging: \$8,956; Office & Operating Supplies: \$7,000; Building/Space Rental: \$1,056; Communications: \$5,000; Repair & Maintenance: \$4,750; Training: \$2,000. Total Amount: \$42,160.00.
NEW	Minor Source Permit Program	150,377	Track & Maintain oil and gas emissions from wells, create and maintain a database, community outreach & education. Personnel: New Position-Environmental Specialist: \$51,782.40 x 43.88% = \$74,245; Travel Exps: \$1,320; Office & Operating Exps: \$16,795; Contractual Services: \$52,000; Special Transaction: \$6,017. Total Amount: \$150,377.00.
111004	Surface & Groundwater Protection D	30,000	Senior Office Specialist position #235506, 50% cost share with other programs within the department. SOS needed to assist with financial, grants management and personnel documents for the department. \$17,132 with \$7,432 in tax/fringe benefits totalling \$24,564. This position will need to be advertised during the 1st Quarter of FY2024 resulting in cost savings until the position is filled. The position will be set to BX60A. \$5,436 will be used for insurance and workers compensation, training, travel for the new employee.
TOTAL:		357,551	



Honorable Brenda Jesus, *Chairperson*
Resources and Development Committee



Rodney L. Tahe, *Legislative Advisor*
Office of Legislative Services