

Navajo Abandoned Uranium Mine

Site Screen Report

This form is for use at the site of abandoned uranium mines (AUM) located on Navajo Nation lands. Applicable sites include all mine and mine features that have or have not undergone reclamation by the Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program, including features, adits, pits and waste piles. Applicable sites also include all AUM sites listed in the USEPA CERCLIS database, all sites listed in the 2008 AUM GIS Report issued by USACOE and USEPA, all AUM sites on allotment lands associated with the Navajo Nation, and any and all AUM sites not listed in any database located on Navajo lands. Reconnaissance of any sites located on lands adjacent to Navajo lands that may be impacting Navajo lands will need to be coordinated with the authorities appropriate to those lands.

The purpose of the form is to ascertain the status and location of the identified AUM site, and record all immediate site information associated with the mine site. Decisions and recommendations on what additional steps are needed will be provided on a separate document.

Mine Name: Claim 35

Mine ID: 80

Navajo AUM Central Region

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Part I Site Identification, Location and Status

Site Names and ID numbers as applicable

Mine ID: 80

Map ID: C17

CERCLIS: NNN000909181

Navajo Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program: NA-0706

Local name / Aliases: Claim 31; Claim No. 35; Claim #31; Claim #35

Chapter and local area: Tachee

County: Apache **State:** Arizona

Lat/Long: 36.2437284962 N / -109.906413825 W

Nearby road and highway: Route 29 **Local Post Office:** Blue Gap, AZ

Surface Land Status: check one or more and provide ownership and contact information below

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tribal Trust Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Public lands | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Private | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tribal Fee Land | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bureau of Land Mgmt | <input type="checkbox"/> | Allotment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| State | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fee land | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Subsurface Mineral Rights:

No information on subsurface mineral rights ownership was found in the EPA/AUM Database.

Claim and operator information:

The mine surface land status is classified as Tribal Trust Land. Historical documents identified the operator of the mine as Richland Uranium Corporation in 1958. No additional historical ownership / lease information was identified in the EPA / AUM database.

Number of residential structures within 200 feet of mine: None

Part II Summary of Radiological Readings

Mine ID: 80

Highest gamma radiation measurement: 33,356 counts per minute (cpm)

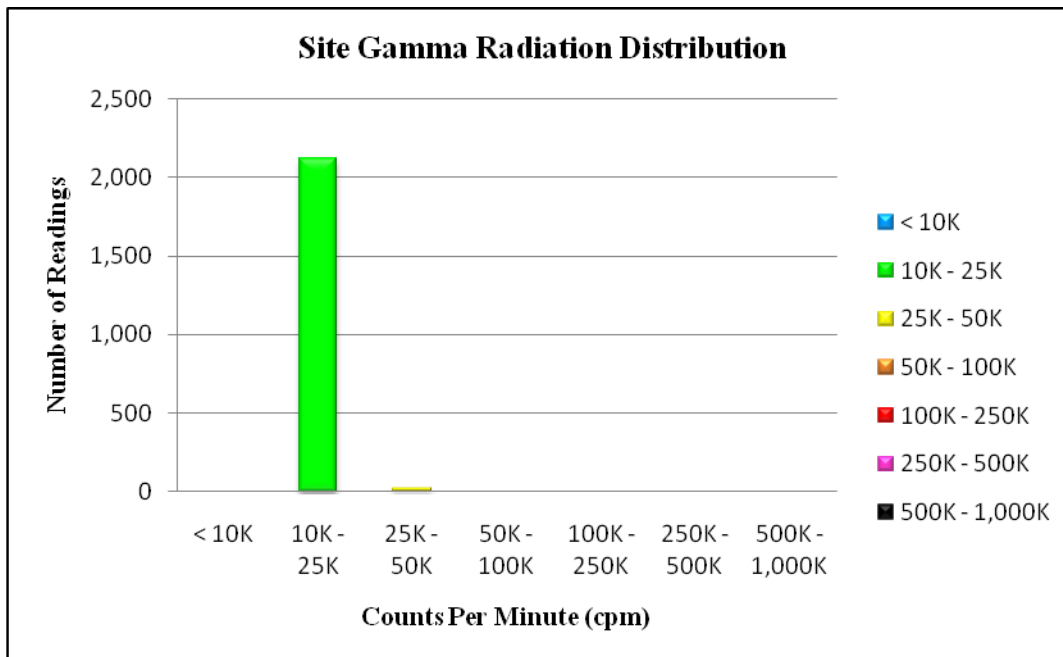
Background Average: 13,489 cpm **Two Times Background:** 26,978 cpm

Describe any other radiological measurements:

A total of 2,136 gamma radiation measurements were collected from the mine site, ranging from 12,372 cpm to 33,356 cpm. The measurements are represented in Figures 1 and 2.

Distribution Chart and Statistics:

| Site Gamma Radiation Statistics | |
|--|--------|
| Number of Readings | 2,136 |
| Minimum (cpm) | 12,372 |
| Maximum (cpm) | 33,356 |
| Mean (cpm) | 17,777 |
| Median (cpm) | 17,488 |
| Standard Deviation | 2,416 |



Part III Status of Reclamation and Mine Waste

Mine ID: 80

The following information was obtained from the Navajo Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program (NAMLRP) Point Features Database:

NAMLRP Status of the mine site: Reclaimed: Yes Waste Pile onsite: Yes

NAMLRP Project Number: NA-0706

NAMLRP Mine features: 1 Rim Strip / Pit

The following information was obtained from field observations collected during the 2011 site screening:

Provide description and status of all mine sites and features at site. Include all waste piles, adits, pits and other features, and indicate whether they are open, closed, covered, capped, buried or unreclaimed. Indicate approximate size, shape and extent, including description of any reclamation caps. Note condition of all caps.

Observed reclamation work and status:

Adits:

None observed

Waste Piles:

None observed

Pits:

None observed

Shafts:

None observed

Other Debris and Mine Features:

Mining debris (metal cables, cans)

Part IV

Site observations and Environs

Observed Residential Structures (number and human habitation status of structures at the following distances from mine):

0 to 200 feet: None observed

200 feet to 0.25 mile: None observed

Observed Public or Commercial structures (schools, clinics, Chapter Houses, places of business and any other structure used by members of the community at the following distances from the mine):

0 to 200 feet: None observed

200 feet to 0.25 mile: 2 structures 300' SW of site; 4 large and 4 small structures 550' ESE of site

Levels measured around the perimeter(s) of the identified structure(s):

Background levels

Observed water sources (number and type of wells and surface water sources that are potentially used for human consumption at the following distances from the mine):

0 to 0.25 miles: None observed

0.25 miles to 4 miles: Residential pond approximately 0.5 mi SE of site

Sensitive environments (all sensitive environments located within visible range of the mine site, including: wetlands, endangered species, habitats and approximate locations of sites that may be under protection of the government of the Navajo Nation):

None observed

Known Site History: include information from interviews with Chapter officials and residents. Note information on mine ownership, type of mining operation, period of operation, known amount of production, and any other information as provided.

The Claim 35 mine claim consists of an area of 14,988.25 m². The mine was identified operational in 1958. While operational, the mine had a total reported production volume of 15 tons. The mine surface land status is classified as Tribal Trust Land. Historical documents identified the operator of the mine as Richland Uranium Corporation in 1958. No additional historical ownership / lease information was identified in the EPA / AUM database.

Part V Response Action Summary

Summary of Evaluation Factors:

Accessibility:

Was the mine easily accessible to potential human activity?

Yes

Radiological Measurements:

Were any gamma radiation measurements collected at the mine greater than two times the site-specific background levels?

Yes

Waste Piles:

Were any unreclaimed waste piles observed at the mine with gamma radiation measurements greater than two times the site-specific background levels?

No

Structures:

Were any structures observed within 200 feet of the mine?

No

Potential Drinking Water Sources:

Were any potential drinking water sources observed within 4 miles of the mine?

Yes

Reclamation:

Was the mine reported to be previously reclaimed, or did the mine appear to be reclaimed?

Yes

Part VI Photos



Photo 1: Mine Site #80; Sheep pen



Photo 2: Mine Site #80; Mine at base of cliff



Photo 5: Mine Site #80; Mining debris

Part VII Contacts Reports and Information

Name: Eugene Esplain

Title or official role (if any): Navajo EPA Superfund Program

Telephone number: (928) 871-7331

Address: PO Box 2946, Window Rock, AZ 86515

Information provided: Lead Regulatory Agency

Name: _____

Title or official role (if any): _____

Telephone number: _____

Address: _____

Information provided: _____

Name: _____

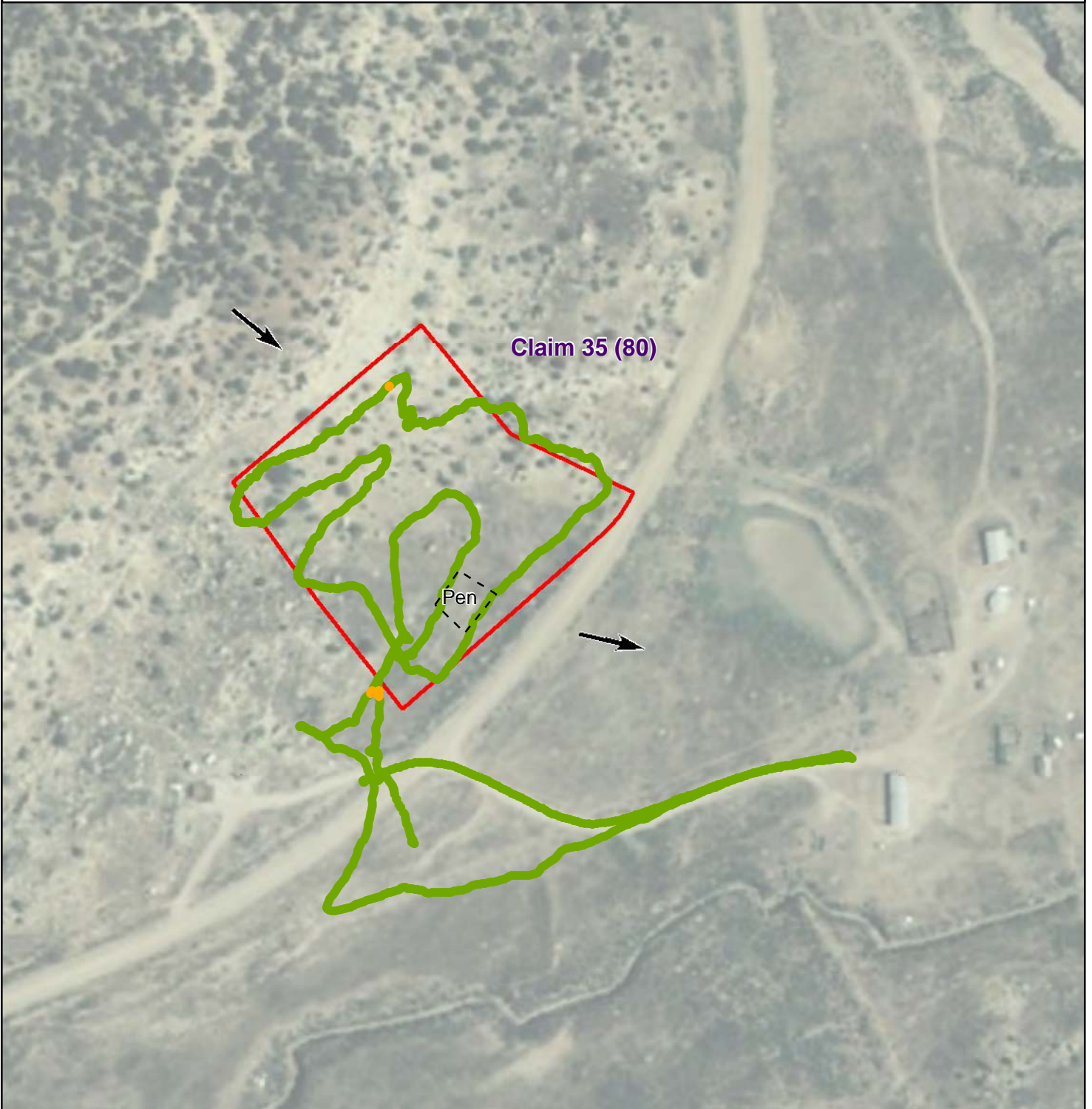
Title or official role (if any): _____

Telephone number: _____

Address: _____

Information provided: _____

**Figure 1 - Gamma Radiation Measurements, Above Two Times Background
Claim 35 (80)
Tachee Chapter, Navajo Nation**



Legend

Gamma Radiation Measurements

- < 2X Background
- > 2X Background


Measured as counts per minute (cpm)

Average background 13,489 cpm

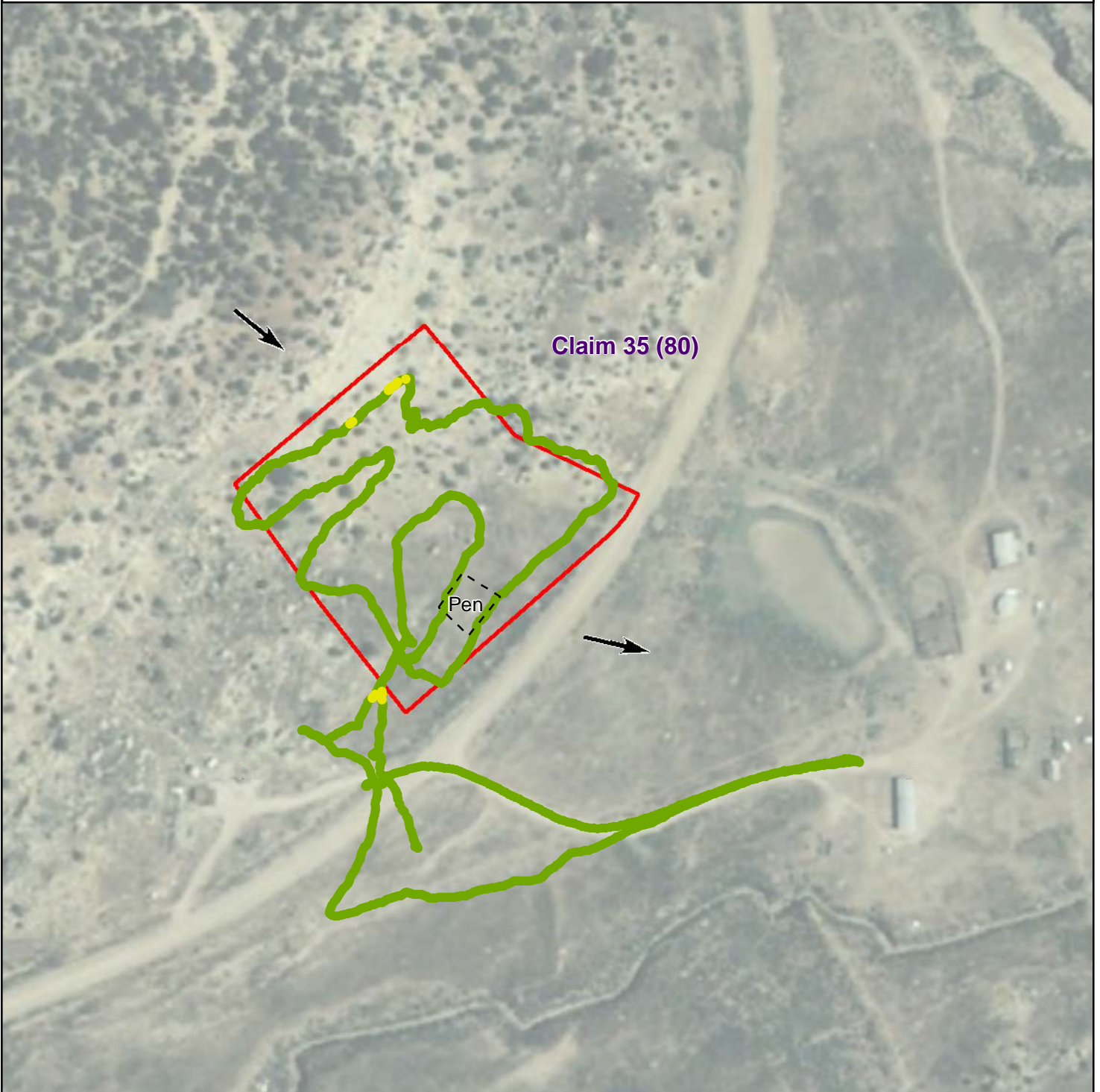
- Mine Site Boundary
- General Slope Direction
- Observed Reclamation Feature
- Observed Waste Pile
- Steep Grade







**Figure 2 - Gamma Radiation Measurements
Claim 35 (80)
Tachee Chapter, Navajo Nation**



Gamma Radiation Measurements

- 0 - 10,000 cpm
- 10,000 - 25,000 cpm
- 25,000 - 50,000 cpm
- 50,000 - 100,000 cpm
- 100,000 - 250,000 cpm
- 250,000 - 500,000 cpm
- 500,000 - 1,000,000 cpm

- Mine Site Boundary
- General Slope Direction
- Observed Reclamation Feature
- Observed Waste Pile
- Steep Grade

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