

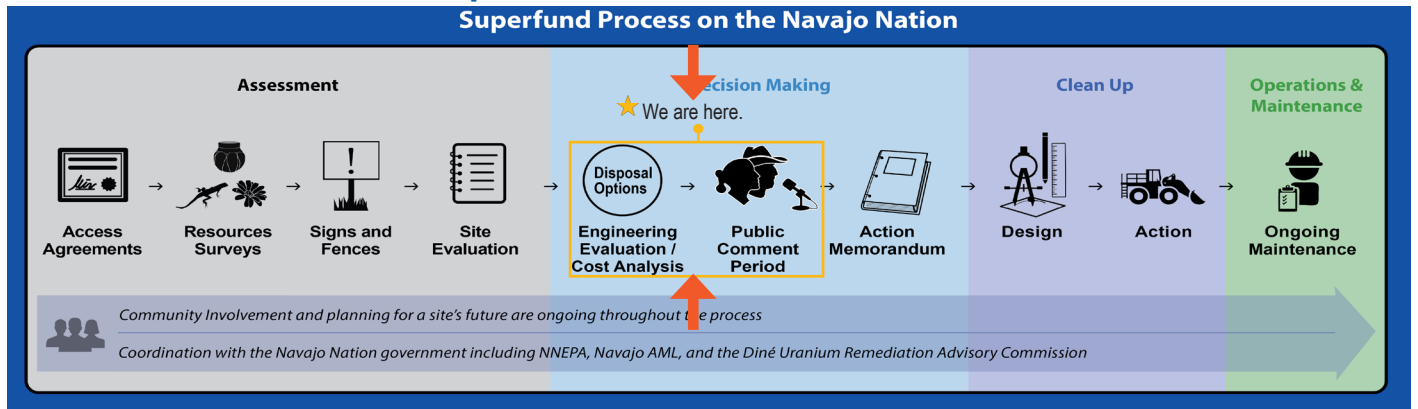


Section 32 and 33 Mines Site Recommended Cleanup Alternative: Red Rocks Disposal Facility

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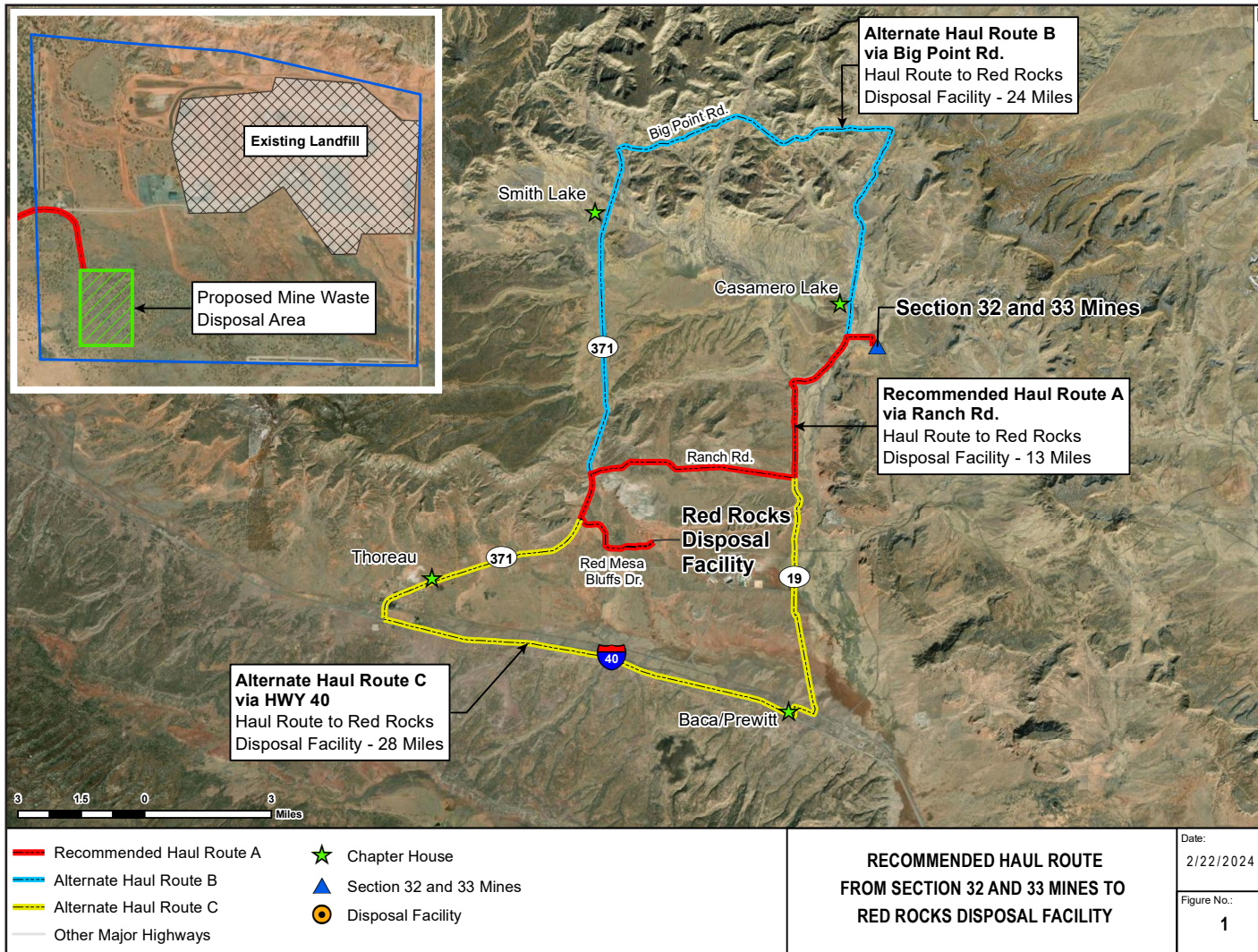
The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Navajo Nation EPA (NNEPA) are asking for your feedback on the recommended cleanup alternative and haul route in the engineering evaluation/cost analysis (EE/CA) for the Section 32 and 33 Mines. This fact sheet provides an overview of where we are in the cleanup process, considerations related to the recommended cleanup alternative of disposal at the Red Rocks Facility, and a map of the recommended "Ranch Road" haul route and two other routes.

Where are we in the Cleanup Process?



Recommended EE/CA Alternative Details: Red Rocks Disposal Facility

Cleanup Details	Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The disposal cell at the Red Rocks Facility will be permitted by New Mexico. This will include a groundwater protection permit, air quality permit, waste transportation plan, maintenance plan, and closure plan. This process is expected to take 3-5 years. Once the disposal cell is permitted, about 70,000 cubic yards of rock and sand containing low levels of radium, uranium, and other metals from the Section 32 and 33 Mines will be excavated and disposed of at the facility. The recommended haul route is south on Navajo Road 19 to "Ranch Road" then West NM 371 at the Red Rocks Facility. All excavation and construction areas will be tested to confirm cleanup goals are met. All excavation and construction areas will be recontoured as needed and revegetated with native plants. The restored areas at Section 32 and 33 Mines will be inspected each year and erosion will be repaired as needed. Final land use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential uses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under this alternative all waste is removed from the community and Navajo Nation. Once work begins, excavation and transport of waste can take up to 18 months and up to 5,600 truckloads. Transporting waste on the recommended haul route appears to be the safest and least disruptive route. This project will create job opportunities, such as truck drivers, equipment operators, traffic controllers, and jobs at the Red Rocks Facility. Water for construction and dust control will be developed from a local source with community approval or brought in from Gallup or another nearby area. U.S. EPA will monitor air quality before, during, and after construction to make sure the area is safe. U.S. EPA will work with local chapters to ensure transportation hazards to traffic, pedestrians, and communities are minimized. Other stakeholders will have input during the State permitting public comment period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navajo Communities State of New Mexico Northwest New Mexico Regional Solid Waste Authority (Red Rocks Facility)



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<https://www.epa.gov/navajo-nation-uranium-cleanup/section-3233-mines-tronox#docs>

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