

## Program Purpose

1. Providing civil enforcement for the Navajo Nation Solid Waste Act and regulations throughout Navajo Nation based on civil complaints received by telephone or walk-ins. Enforcement is against responsible parties.
2. Providing technical assistance with solid waste issues as applicable.
3. Providing guidance with grants as they become available for solid waste issues.
4. Providing site assessments for solid waste issues and solid waste characterizations.
5. Providing educational outreach on recycling, composting, and prevention of illegal dumping.

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## Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency [www.navajonationepa.org](http://www.navajonationepa.org)

### OTHER WEBSITES:

[www.azdeq.gov](http://www.azdeq.gov)  
[www.nmrecycle.org](http://www.nmrecycle.org)  
[www.kazb.org](http://www.kazb.org)  
[www.tossnomas.org](http://www.tossnomas.org)

### Air and Toxics Dept. (928) 871-7800

- Air Quality Control (928) 729-4247
- Pesticides Enforcement (928) 871-7892
- Radon/ Asbestos (928) 871-7703

### Criminal Enforcement Dept. (928) 871-7393

### Surface and Groundwater Dept. (928) 871-7601

- NPDES (928) 871-7185
- Public Water Systems Supervision (928) 871-7755
- Underground Injection Control (505) 368-1040
- Water Quality (928) 871-7701
- Non-Point Source (928) 871-7185

### Waste Regulatory Compliance Dept. (928) 871-7993

- Superfund (928) 871-6859/ 7325
- LUST/ UST (928) 871-7993/ 7995/7997
- RCRP (928) 871-7923/ 7751/7756/ 7816
- \* Hazardous Waste (928) 871-7993
- [ \* ] Assistance from US EPA Region 6, 8, and 9)

### **LITTERING IS A CRIMINAL VIOLATION**

Pursuant to Navajo Nation Law  
NAVAJO NATION CODE: SECTION 17, SUBSECTION 381. (17 NNC § 381)

## Navajo Nation EPA Resource Conservation and Recovery Program

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## Resource Conservation and Recovery Program



*Civil Enforcement for the  
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Act and Regulations*



*Navajo Nation Environmental  
Protection Agency*

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## Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

The Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA) was established in 1995 as a separate entity within the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government. NNEPA is responsible for implementing and enforcing laws for the protection of human health and the welfare of the Navajo Nation's environment.

### NNEPA Mission

With respect for Dine value NNEPA's primary purpose is to protect, preserve, and enhance our Navajo environment for present and future generations. These objectives will be achieved by developing, implementing, and enforcing environmental laws and policies; and fostering public awareness and cooperation through proper education and effective motivational methods.

### Illegal Dumping Enforcement

Navajo Nation Solid Waste Act  
Title 4, Navajo Nation Code, Chapter 1  
(4 NNC §101-162).

#### **§121: Disposal, Collection, Transporting, Processing: It shall be unlawful for any person to:**

- Dispose of any solid waste in a manner that will harm the environment, endanger the public health, safety and welfare or create a public nuisance;
- Dispose of any solid waste in a place other than a facility which is in compliance with these [Solid Waste] Regulations and other applicable laws.

#### **§124: Open Dumping: All open dumping shall be prohibited.**

- Reduce and prevent illegal dumping activity on the Navajo Nation
- Raise public awareness of illegal dumping but proper disposal.

### Illegal Dumping Enforcement (cont'd)

- However, without public education supplementing the enforcement effort, the initiative will be ineffective and nonproductive.
- No permitted landfills are located within the Navajo Nation unless a Navajo Chapter develops one in accordance with the regulations.

### Proper Disposal Facilities

The Navajo Nation Division of Community, Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP) has worked with grants and the US Indian Health Service to provide infrastructure, like transfer stations and convenience centers at various Navajo Chapter governments throughout Navajo Nation. However, SWMP has been abolished in 2016.

### Transfer Station Locations:

Alamo	Page (Coppermine)
Bodaway Gap	Pinehill
Breadsprings	Pinon
Coyote Canyon	Sand Springs (Burnham)
Crownpoint	Shiprock
Dzil Na Ho Dilthle	Tohajiilee
Gallup (McKinley Cty)	Tohatchi
Ganado	Tonalea
Kaibeto	Tuba City
Kayenta Township	Upper Fruitland
Lake Valley	Whiterock
Lechee	
McGee Park (Farmington)	
Nenahnezad	

### Open Top Bin Locations:

Beclabito	Nhata Dzil
Coppermine	Ojo Encino
Cornfields	Red Valley
Crystal	Shonto
Dennehotso	Steamboat
Dilkon	Teesto
Greasewood Springs	Tolani Lake
Houck	Twin Lakes
Indian Wells	Wheatfields/ Tsaile
Kinlichee	Whitehorse Lake
Little Water	
Lukachukai	
Lupton	
Manuelito	

### Permitted Landfill Locations:

- Blue Hills LF, St. Johns, Arizona  
Tele: (928) 337-4019
  - Cinder Lakes LF, Flagstaff, Arizona Tele: (928) 527-1927
  - Crouch Mesa LF, Aztec, New Mexico  
Tele: (505) 334-1121
  - Montezuma County LF, Cortez, Colorado  
Tele: (970) 565-9859
  - \*Painted Desert LF, Joseph City, Arizona  
Tele: (928) 454-2045
  - Red Rocks Regional LF, Thoreau, NM Tele: (505) 905-8400
  - Sandoval County LF, Rio Ranch, NM Tele: (505) 867-0816
  - Socorro County LF, Socorro, New Mexico  
Tele: (575) 418-7706
  - White Mesa LF, Bluff, Utah Tele: (435) 678-3070
- [ \* ] Commercial Solid Waste Hauler ONLY

### What Constitutes A Legal Landfill?

A legal landfill complies with the following regulations:

- Installation of methane gas and groundwater monitoring system
- Leachate collection
- Installation of a non-permeable liner
- Daily Cover
- Financial assurance that covers all liability

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