**To:** Reeves, Linda[Reeves.Linda@epa.gov]
**From:** Mueller, Sarah
**Sent:** Tue 8/4/2015 12:10:25 AM
**Subject:** FW: FW: Haystack Mines in McKinley County, New Mexico

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**From:** Jones, Simone [mailto:simone.jones@bia.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2015 8:00 AM
**To:** Mueller, Sarah
**Cc:** Sharon Pinto; Ryan Hunter; Marsan, Joan
**Subject:** Re: FW: Haystack Mines in McKinley County, New Mexico

Good morning Sarah:

I'm just confirming I received your email and can check the land status today as it is currently shown in BIA's system of record. The background is helpful in the email thread where it seems the land may be subject to PLO 2198 which I admit I am not an expert on and may need to consult with more knowledgeable staff on its ramifications on the following parcel: SE ¼ Section 13, T13N R11W in McKinley County, New Mexico. I can provide you a preliminary answer a little later today though.

On Wed, May 20, 2015 at 4:02 PM, Marsan, Joan <joan.marsan@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

Sarah,

Simone Jones handles some realty issues in the BIA-Navajo Region and may be able to provide you with information on the status of the parcel you are asking about.

Joan

On Mon, May 18, 2015 at 4:42 PM, Mueller, Sarah <Mueller.Sarah@epa.gov> wrote:

Joan,

I am wondering if you or someone else in your office have been able to find any information that you could share with me about the property referenced below.

Thanks very much.

Sarah

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**From:** Reedy, Patricia [mailto:patricia.reedy@sol.doi.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2015 1:07 PM

**To:** Sprague, Wonsook
**Cc:** Mueller, Sarah; Joan Marsan; Kane, Kate
**Subject:** Re: Haystack Mines in McKinley County, New Mexico

Wonsook,

I am copying Joan Marsan on this email because she is handling our CERCLA uranium mine matters in Navajo. She is out of the office so I am also copying Kate Kane (DOJ) who is heading a team of attorneys on the Navajo uranium mine matters.

Pat

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On Thu, Apr 30, 2015 at 11:52 AM, Sprague, Wonsook <wonsook.sprague@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

Pat,

I received this email from an EPA Region 9 attorney (I have been working with EPA Region 9 on a CERCLA site in AZ). Sarah is looking for a POC who can provide some information on some abandoned uranium mines in New Mexico. Do you have someone who can help her?

Wonsook

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From: **Mueller, Sarah** <Mueller.Sarah@epa.gov>
Date: Thu, Apr 30, 2015 at 10:43 AM
Subject: Haystack Mines in McKinley County, New Mexico
To: "wonsook.sprague@sol.doi.gov" <wonsook.sprague@sol.doi.gov>

Wonsook,

I am looking for a contact for BIA with a question related to an area in the Eastern Agency and Karen Goldberg gave me your name and contact information. If you are not the right person to contact, would you be able to tell me who might be?

Our Superfund program has been looking at a group of abandoned uranium mines in the area of the Baca/Prewitt chapter, and McKinley County, New Mexico. There is one parcel of land that Navajo Land Department believes is part of Navajo Nation, but it seems to be held by either BIA or BLM. It is not part of the reservation and is not allotment land. It had been subject to various withdrawals at different periods of time, and right now it seems to be subject to PLO 2198, which apparently was intended to facilitate land consolidation for the Navajo Nation. However, we have not been able to determine what the current status of the land is, or which agency to contact with regards to access and other issues. The land in question is SE ¼ Section 13, T13N, R11W.

I am hoping you or someone else at DOI might be able to provide some information on the status of this parcel.

Thanks in advance for any assistance you can offer. Please feel free to give me a call if you want to discuss.

Sarah

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