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NLD & DNR to vacate contaminated building by Friday, February 28, 2014

Window Rock, AZ – The Navajo Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) served the Navajo Land Department a notice to vacate the 74 year old building adjacent to the Navajo Nation President & Vice-President's Office on Monday, January 27, 2014 due to high level of contaminants which have been endangering the lives of the employees and causing imminent danger to the employees health and to the general public. The building will officially close on **Friday, February 28, 2014**.

The 74 year building housed the Division of Natural Resources administration, Division of Human Resources and Navajo Land Department - a total of 28 employees. The following offices will be relocating to the following buildings within Window Rock vicinity and Tse Bonito, NM:

1. The Ft. Defiance Homesite Lease Office, Project Review Office and some of the GIS Staff will join the staff at the Navajo Historic Preservation Department East of the former Navajo Land Department building in Window Rock, Arizona.
2. The Navajo Land Department Administration, Title & Records/Navajo Land Title Data Systems and the Division of Natural Resources administration are temporary moving to Western Indian Ministries, Hilltop, Tse Bonito, NM.

We urged the public to give the Navajo Land Department about 6 months to get back into full operation. All Ft. Defiance Agency homesite leases and documents, as well as, Project Review documents will need to be decontaminated before files can be moved out of the former Navajo Land Department building. We urge the public to be patient with our office and allow time for the Navajo Land Department to get back into full operation. However, the other agency homesite offices are continuing to provide direct services. Navajo Land Department and staff apologizes for the inconvenience this may have caused your families and other entities. For more information, please call (928) 871-6401.

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