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Brad Brown, Peabody Vice President for Southwest Operations, shakes hands with President Ben Shelly shortly after Brown and Walter Begay (right) hand Shelly a \$14 million check for the Navajo Nation.

## President Ben Shelly Receives Royalty Check

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.**– The Navajo Nation received \$14 million during a Friday morning meeting.

Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly met with executives from Peabody Energy and accepted a \$14 million check on behalf of the Navajo Nation.

“We are always trying to make sure we use our natural resources to help the Navajo people,” President Shelly said.

In addition, President Shelly said the money could be used to supplement potential

federal funding cuts. The cuts could hinder the Navajo government’s ability to deliver direct services to the Navajo people.

“We still don’t know what the federal budget is going to look like, we need to save money now and not be running around trying to look for money later,” President Shelly said.

The check was a result of three years of royalty incentives from 2009 through 2012. Peabody executives said the Navajo Nation should expect about \$3.5 million a year from coal revenues in the coming years.

The money is expected to be added to the Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance and was deposited into the Navajo Nation’s account shortly after the meeting.

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