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WATER DELIVERY SYSTEM REPAIRED AT NAPI, CROPS WILL RECEIVE WATER

NAPI-The water delivery system at Navajo Agricultural Products Industry has been repaired and water delivery will be restored today at 6 p.m. MST.

“This accomplishment is a picture of what we can do as a nation when we work together with our partners at the state and congressional levels. This restoration of the water is ahead of schedule,” President Begaye said.

On May 13, 2016, the siphon from the Cutter Dam diversion failed which conveys water to the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (NIIP). This failure caused the NAPI water system to be shut down. The water pipeline and canal are operated by Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) under Department of Interior.

In response to the breakage in the water delivery system at NAPI, President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez signed an emergency declaration, seeking assistance from federal and state governments to address this disaster-related situation.

The transportation of replacement pipes across two states necessitated an emergency need for permits to be issued by respective state agencies.

Through the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management, the Nation issued a Declaration of Emergency to take relevant action and maintain coordination and collaboration with respective agencies in acquiring permits and other appropriate needs.

“We are always hoping for the best for the employees at NAPI and we are glad the crops will receive water and will be saved,” Vice President Nez said. “We want NAPI to continue to be one of the Nation’s thriving enterprises.”

The pipeline failure root cause has not been yet determined by BOR, however the replacement has been installed and repaired. Navajo welding contractors performed all the repairs and the pipeline is now operable.

The NAPI farm has been without water since May 13. With the repair, the crops will receive water within the next two days.



Contracted Navajo welders performed all the repairs on the pipeline.



The canal is filling with water that will be delivered to NAPI crops. The crops have went without water since May 13.