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Vice President Lizer commends NTEC's Community Heating Resource Program that provides free coal to Navajo families



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Friday, Navajo Nation Vice President Myron Lizer visited Navajo Mine in Farmington, N.M., where he showed his appreciation to mine workers, management, and visited with local residents who received coal through Navajo Transitional Energy Company's annual Community Heating Resource Program, which concluded its seasonal work this week.

Since October, NTEC has provided nearly 11,500 tons of coal, free of charge, to Navajo families to help heat their homes and keep them warm throughout the winter season. NTEC also delivered coal to 101 chapters over the last few months, while taking precautions to keep their workers and residents safe from COVID-19.

“I am very appreciative of NTEC’s efforts to assist families through the Community Heating Resource Program, by providing free coal to chapters during the winter season. Not only does NTEC provide the necessary energy source to power homes and communities, but the company also employs hundreds of Navajo men and women and gives back to our communities through scholarship awards, charitable contributions, and support and relief during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Vice President Lizer.

He also extended his appreciation to the Navajo Mine employees and management working on-site stating, “I thank all of the NTEC employees for investing their talent and skilled workmanship to provide for our communities and their families. I will continue to support NTEC’s commitment to being a resourceful, safe producer of coal, while seeking economic and environmental sustainability for the Navajo people.”

According to NTEC, workers delivered close to 10,600 tons of coal this season, which nearly doubled last year’s output of 5,900 tons. The Community Heating Resource Program serviced more than 9,600 community members directly since October, servicing households, chapters, and Hopi villages. Each family received approximately one ton of coal.

When the Community Heating Resource Program began in the 1980s, community members would pick and load the coal into their vehicles themselves. With recent improvements, community members drive up and NTEC workers load the coal using heavy equipment.

“We are extremely proud to see how our program has continued to help Navajo people stay warm in the winter months. To see Navajo people, chapters and communities utilize the resources of our coal program shows NTEC is providing a much-needed service to the Navajo people,” said NTEC CEO Clark Moseley.

The next Community Heating Resource Program season will commence with chapter outreach and meetings over the summer and NTEC anticipates coal deliveries to start in August 2021.

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