

Comment TG-02

Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Planning Report and Draft Environmental Impact Statement Public Hearing

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Proposed Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project

The Department of Dine' Education strongly supports the proposed Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project because it will benefit 165 schools (public schools, BIE funded schools, church schools, etc.) at the present time. These schools are located in the Shiprock, Crownpoint, Gallup, Window Rock, and St. Michaels areas, and the growth rates are as follows:

- Currently, we have 65,789 students in this region in grades K-12 and the number will reach approximately 88,550 over a ten year period at the current growth rate of 3 percent per year.
- Enrollment will reach 174,700 by the year 2040 at the current growth rate of 3 percent per year.
- We anticipate 15 new schools over the next ten year period to accommodate the current growth rate that will bring the total number of schools to 185.
- We anticipate 45 new schools by 2040 to accommodate the current growth rate that will bring the total number of schools to 210.
- These schools are heavily dependent on water supply in order to offering a safe and clean learning environment.
- These schools can not operate without water supply; therefore alternative water resources are very critical and important for the benefit of our children and future generation.

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