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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Public Invited To Attend Camp Navajo Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting**

CAMP NAVAJO, ARIZ.... The public is invited to attend a meeting of the Camp Navajo Open Burn/Open Detonation (OB/OD) Area Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at the Camp Navajo Security Building. The Security Building is the first building on the right after exiting I-40 at Exit 185 in Bellemont and turning south onto Hughes Ave.

The SAG meeting will focus on recent progress and upcoming work in the ongoing environmental clean-up efforts at Camp Navajo. National Guard Bureau and Arizona Army National Guard representatives will present information on the program for investigating and cleaning up sites that were historically used for demilitarization of obsolete and unserviceable munitions. Representatives from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be available to answer questions. Additionally, Don Bills, a hydrologist with the US Geological Survey, will discuss ongoing groundwater studies in the Williams-Flagstaff area.

Camp Navajo was established as a storage depot for explosives and other strategic war supplies more than 60 years ago. It was also a place where obsolete or unserviceable munitions were demilitarized in an area known as the OB/OD Area, which was used until the demilitarization mission ended in 1994. The National Guard Bureau, in coordination with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Arizona Army National Guard, has been working on an investigation and cleanup of the Camp Navajo OB/OD Area for more than 10 years.

The SAG is comprised of representatives from various federal, state and local agencies and from the community. The SAG meets tri-annually to discuss the status of the cleanup activities, and all meetings are open to the public. Between meetings, they review and comment on work plans, procedures and reports.

For more information, visit <http://www.CampNavajoEnvironmental.org>.

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