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### Delegate Dr. Andy Nez visits ARPA funded bathroom addition site



Delegate Dr. Andy Nez (center) and NECA General Supervisor Jeff Jim (right) discusses progress and future plans for the bathroom additions at the Belone residence.

**FORT DEFIANCE, Ariz.** – On Wednesday, January 22, 2025, Delegate Dr. Andy Nez conducted a site visit to the residence of Josephine Belone in the Fort Defiance region. The visit marked a significant milestone in addressing essential bathroom additions within the community, showcasing the successful collaboration of local agencies and the 25th Navajo Nation Council.

“This project exemplifies how ARPA funding is being utilized and meeting critical community needs, especially for rural areas of the Navajo Nation and in our Upper District 18”, added Delegate Dr. Andy Nez. He emphasized the importance of continuing the investment toward infrastructure so that it uplifts the lives of our Diné.

The bathroom addition project was by the Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority (NECA), with deriving from Section 11 funds, Delegate Region, per CJA-29-22 through the Department of Community Development (DCD). NECA Supervisor Richard Leonard provided an on-site update, highlighting the progress and technical details of the project.

Additionally, NECA General Supervisor Jeff Jim outlined the challenges and successes encountered during the construction process. “Each hurdle we faced brought us closer to providing this vital resource. It’s projects like this that demonstrate the importance of teamwork and commitment,” Jim noted.

For Josephine Belone, the project represents a long-awaited improvement to her quality of life. "I am so thankful to the 25th Navajo Nation Council, NTUA (Navajo Tribal Utility Authority), NECA, and everyone involved for making this possible," she expressed during the visit.

"The day was a step forward in an effort to provide essential resources to our people. Seeing the direct service from these initiatives motivates us to keep pushing to do our best for meaningful change," stated Dr. Nez.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council, in collaboration with various departments and agencies, remains committed to ensuring that ARPA funds are allocated effectively to benefit communities across the Nation.

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