NAVAJO NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WATER QUALITY/NPDES PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

SERVICES TO REMOVE ILLEGAL TRASH DUMPS WITHIN THE MANY DEVILS WASH WATERSHED NEAR SHIPROCK, NM

Bid Number 26-09-4297DB Addendum #1

Purpose

Illegal dumping of waste has occurred in the Many Devils Wash (MDW) area near Shiprock, NM, for decades. The extent of this illegal dumping was documented in a July 2025 report prepared for the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency Water Quality/NPDES Program (NNEPA WQ) titled *Illicit Trash Dump Assessment Report: Many Devils Wash, Shiprock, San Juan County, New Mexico*. The assessment identified numerous illegal dumpsites containing approximately 2500 tons of general solid waste, more than 250 tires, 22 tons of scrap metal, and other waste such as used motor oil and lead at a shooting range. This waste poses a physical and chemical threat to human health, livestock, wildlife, and the environment. Water quality of the nearby San Juan River is also periodically impacted when large storm events flush waste into it from this area. The purpose of this request for proposal (RFP) is to select an experienced and licensed contractor to remove and dispose of this waste at a certified facility located off of the Navajo Nation. The successful bidder will provide all of their own equipment and supplies. Companies bidding for this project must comply with all applicable Navajo Nation and federal statutory and regulatory authorities. This work will need to be completed before September 30, 2027.

Scope of Work

The contractor will focus on the trash dumps located within the MDW watershed (see attached map). Cleanup of these dump sites shall be carried out by the contractor in compliance with applicable acts and regulations including, but not limited to, the Navajo Nation Clean Water Act (NNCWA), Navajo Nation Surface Water Quality Standards (NNSWQS), Navajo Nation Solid Waste Act (NNSWA), the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The following work will be expected for this project:

(a) **Coordination Meeting**: The contractor shall meet with NNEPA WQ and project stakeholders to review the assessment report and confirm understanding of the expected work plan and activities. This should occur within two weeks of the finalization of the contract between the Navajo Nation and the contractor.

(b) **Site Visit**: The contractor shall accompany NNEPA WQ to the MDW watershed to ascertain the breadth of the project area and make determinations on site logistics. This should occur the same day as, or within one week after, the coordination meeting.

(c) **Proposed Plan of Action**: The contractor shall provide NNEPA WQ with a proposed plan for site cleanup with milestones on how it plans to proceed with project activities. This should occur within two weeks of the site visit.

(d) **Mobilization**: The contractor shall obtain and mobilize the necessary supplies and equipment to the MDW project site. This should occur within two weeks after approval of the proposed plan of action.

(e) **Site Cleanup**: The contractor shall cleanup all the trash dumps located in the MDW watershed. This cleanup shall include:

- Making arrangements with the proper disposal facilities before waste removal
- Removal and proper off-site disposal of the various waste types identified
- Recording the amount and type of waste removed
- Recording the location where waste was removed
- Providing regular updates to NNEPA WQ

The cleanup work should not occur during inclement weather or adverse road conditions. The cleanup work shall be completed in the time agreed upon in the approved work plan. If more time is warranted, the contractor will request an extension from NNEPA WQ.

(f) **Report**: The contractor shall develop a report utilizing the information obtained during the cleanup of the trash dumps. This report should provide information, maps, and photographs detailing the progress and completion of the cleanup. A draft report shall be submitted by the contractor to NNEPA WQ for review within one month after the cleanup is completed. A final report will be submitted by the contractor two weeks after receiving comments on the draft report. NNEPA WQ and the Navajo Resource Conservation and Recovery Program will conduct a final review of all the project work completed within two weeks after submission of the final report.

General Contractor Responsibilities

The contractor selected for this project will be expected to:

- Provide services to NNEPA WQ in a professional and consistent manner
- Successfully complete the required work
- Take prompt action to correct any identified deficiencies hindering completion of the work
- Comply with all applicable laws and rules of federal and tribal governments, including the NNCWA, NNSWQS, NNSWA, and RCRA
- Remove and properly dispose of any waste generated during the site work
- Observe all safety precautions throughout the performance of the site work
- Immediately notify the NNEPA WQ contact person in the event performance of the site work is impeded

Proposal Requirements

Companies submitting proposals should read the entire set of specifications carefully, as these will form the basis of the contractual agreement with the Navajo Nation. Failure to comply with the specifications may provide grounds for termination of the contract agreement. Bids should reflect not only the expected costs to the contractor of providing basic cleanup services, but also the costs of supplies and providing supplementary services such as reporting and quality control activities. If needed, a company can request a visit to the MDW watershed prior to submitting a proposal.

The following qualifications and information are required for a proposal to be considered:

(a) Proposals shall be considered only from companies who, in the judgement of NNEPA WQ, are regularly established in business, financially responsible, able to show evidence of satisfactory past performance, and ready, willing and able to render prompt and satisfactory services.
(b) The company must have a working knowledge and experience with requirements found in the NNCWA, NNSWQS, NNSWA, and federal RCRA that are applicable to this project.
(c) The company must provide qualifications and levels of experience for all personnel to be used in providing the cleanup of trash dumps in the MDW watershed.
(d) The company must provide a copy of a minimum of three most current references verifying their expertise in providing these types of cleanup services.
(e) The bid prices must be for completely cleaning up all the trash dumps in the MDW watershed, including labor, equipment and other materials necessary to complete the work. Bid prices must also include the Navajo Nation tax of 6% as applicable.

(f) The following must also be submitted with the proposal:

- Current W-9
- Completed Navajo Nation Certificate of Debarment, Suspension, and Contracting Eligibility
- Navajo Business Opportunity Act priority number if applicable
- List of subcontractors
- Affidavit for responsibility of subcontractors

Please submit two copies of the proposal signed by an authorized representative of the company to:

NNEPA WQ/NPDES Program
ATTN: Steve Austin
P.O. Box 1999
Shiprock, NM 87420

Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Do Not Open—Proposal for Bid Number 26-08-4297DB Addendum #1". Proposals must be received by 4:30 PM on October 30, 2026. Proposals submitted after this deadline will not be accepted or considered.

Any questions or inquiries regarding the scope of work should also be brought to the attention of Steve Austin at: nnepawq@frontiernet.net or 505-368-1037.

Selection Criteria

NNEPA WQ will use the following criteria in its evaluation and comparison of proposals submitted:

Criteria	Maximum Score
Possesses contractor license	15
Familiar with local environment	5
Proposal organization/appearance	5
Work history	10
Experience with landfills, trash dumps, etc.	10
Project approach (understanding of task)	10
Availability (complete work by stated time)	15
References listed	5
Cost	25
Total	100

RFP Schedule

Below is a schedule for this RFP process. Companies submitting proposals will be notified whether or not their proposal was selected within two weeks after the opening and evaluation date.

Listing of RFP	October 5, 2026
Deadline for submittal of proposals (4:30 PM MDT)	October 30, 2026
Opening and evaluation of proposals	TBD November 2-13, 2026

Terms and Conditions

(a) NNEPA WQ reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and to waive minor irregularities in any proposal.

(b) NNEPA WQ reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted, and to request additional information from any company submitting a proposal.

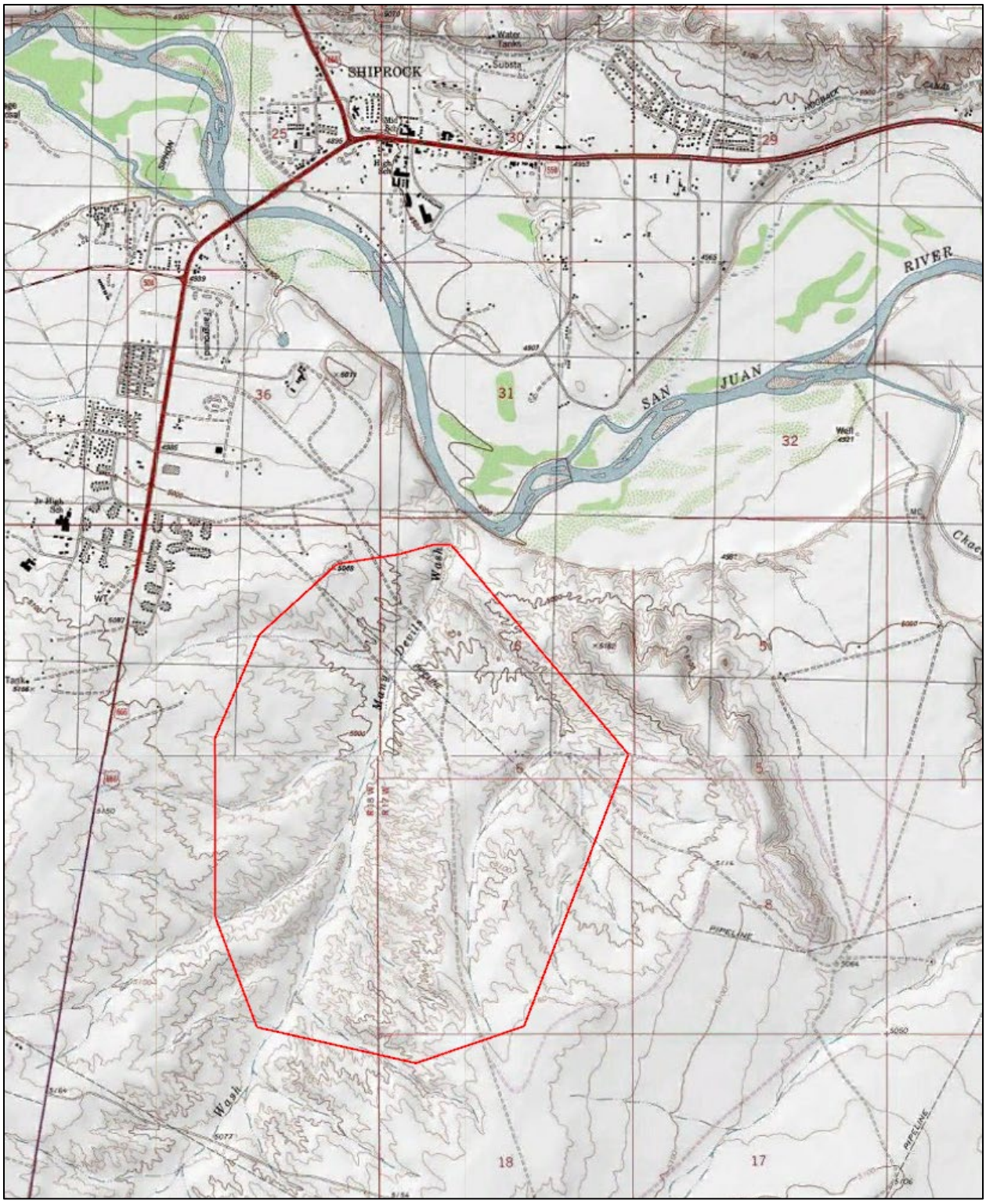
(c) The information submitted will be analyzed and may be shared internally and/or appear in reports as appropriate at NNEPA WQ's discretion. Proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be clearly marked in your response. NNEPA WQ reserves the right to use any non-proprietary information. No basis for claims against NNEPA WQ shall arise as a result of a response to this RFP or from NNEPA WQ's use of such information.

(d) NNEPA WQ reserves the right to award all or a portion of the required goods and services to more than one qualified proposer at NNEPA WQ’s sole discretion.

(e) NNEPA WQ shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by a company in preparing, submitting or presenting its response to this RFP.

(f) Nothing in the RFP is intended to or shall have the effect of waiving any privileges or immunities afforded the Navajo Nation including, but not limited to, sovereign immunity or official immunity. It is expressly agreed that the Navajo Nation retains such privileges.

(g) The Navajo Nation is a sovereign government and all contracts entered into as a result of the RFP shall comply with Navajo Nation laws, rules and regulations (including the Navajo Preference in Employment Act) and applicable federal laws, rules and regulations.



Location of Many Devils Wash illegal trash dumps. Boundary is approximate.