



## **Department of Homeland Security Meets with President Nygren**



*Meeting between Navajo Nation and the Department of Homeland Security in Phoenix, AZ. Photo courtesy of Navajo Nation Office of President and Vice President*

PHOENIX, AZ. – Last week, NNWO facilitated a meeting between President Nygren, Navajo public safety leadership, and leadership from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as well as several of the Department’s component agencies.

Joining President Nygren in the meeting were Division Director Michael Henderson, Navajo Division of Public Safety; Director Malcolm Leslie, Navajo Criminal Investigations Department; Sharen Sandoval, Navajo Department of Emergency Management; and Deputy Chief Lenord Williams, Navajo Police Department.

Navajo Leadership presented the DHS delegation with an overview of the Navajo Nation, its public safety structure, and some of the challenges our agencies face on a daily basis in ensuring the safety and well-being of the Diné.

The DHS delegation included Acting Assistant Secretary Sara Perkins from the Office of Partnership and Engagement; David Flute (Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate), the Secretary's senior advisor on Tribal Affairs; Rodney Lockett, Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs; and staff from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The representatives from DHS were able to share information and provide updates on projects and programmatic changes underway at DHS, as well as enhance relationships with Navajo public safety leaders and their staff to better support the Nation in the future.

NNWO continues to work on cultivating strong relationships between the Navajo government and our federal and congressional partners to help ensure that the concerns and needs of all of Indian Country are heard and addressed at the federal level.