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Subject: Response to the Environmental Protection Agency's August 31, 2021 Letter Regarding Comments on the Department of Energy's June 23, 2021 Planned Change Notice

Dear Mr. Peake:

In response to the letter from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) request for further information concerning the diagram submitted with the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Planned Change Notice to excavate the West Mains Access Drifts, DOE is providing an updated diagram that includes panel closures. Since DOE currently has no plans to dispose of transuranic waste in the West Main Drifts, DOE is not planning on installing panel closures in the West Mains Access Drifts.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Anderson L. Ward at (575) 988-5414.

Sincerely,

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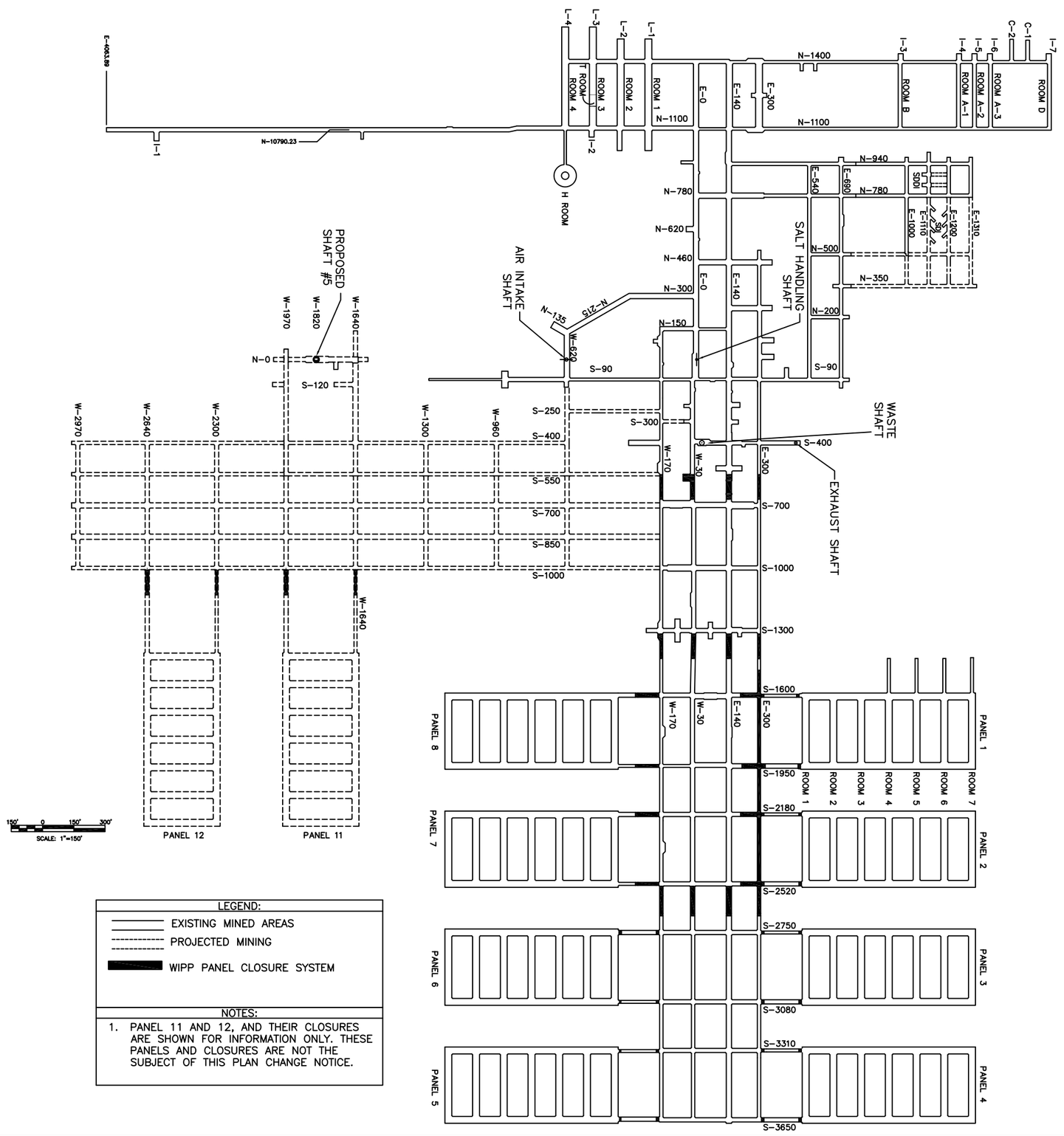
Enclosure 1: Diagram showing the West Mains Access Drifts



LEGEND:

- EXISTING MINED AREAS
- PROJECTED MINING
- WIPP PANEL CLOSURE SYSTEM

NOTES:

1. PANEL 11 AND 12, AND THEIR CLOSURES ARE SHOWN FOR INFORMATION ONLY. THESE PANELS AND CLOSURES ARE NOT THE SUBJECT OF THIS PLAN CHANGE NOTICE.