

# Announcement of Public Comment Period and Information Meetings



## Requested Modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

**WHO:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (NWP).

**WHAT:** DOE and NWP (Permittees) will conduct public meetings to provide information on the following Class 3 Permit Modification Request for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit):

- Excavation of a New Shaft and Associated Connecting Drifts

Spanish translation services will be provided at the meetings.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019  
5 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 19, 2019  
3 - 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Skeen-Whitlock Building  
4021 National Parks Highway  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

Courtyard by Marriott  
3347 Cerrillos Road  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

**WHY:** On August 15, 2019, the Permittees submitted a Class 3 Permit Modification Request. The Permit Modification Request proposes to:

- Revise the facility description to include a new shaft (Shaft #5) and additional drifts to connect Shaft #5 to the existing WIPP underground facility
- Update the description of the Underground Ventilation System to include new surface intake fans and describe the ventilation airflow pathway with the Shaft #5 configuration
- Modify the Property Protection Area
- Make changes to the fire-water distribution system and evacuation routes in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Contingency Plan

**HOW:** To obtain additional information about this Permit Modification Request, contact Mr. Bobby St. John, NWP at 1-800-336-9477. The Permit Modification Request is also available on the WIPP web site at <http://www.wipp.energy.gov> and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, NM. A copy of the requested Permit Modification may also be obtained from NMED at the address listed below.

**COMMENTS:** Written comments for the record must be sent to the NMED contact person at the address below and received no later than 5 p.m. on October 16, 2019.

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The Permittees' compliance history during the life of the Permit being modified is available from Mr. Maestas at the NMED.

**QUESTIONS:** Any questions regarding this Permit Modification Request may be directed to Mr. Bobby St. John, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM 88221, or to the WIPP Information Center ([infocntr@wipp.ws](mailto:infocntr@wipp.ws)) and must be received no later than October 6, 2019.

### WIPP Permit Community Relations Plan

On-line: <http://www.wipp.energy.gov> / toll-free: 1-866-271-9640 / e-mail: [communityrelations@wipp.ws](mailto:communityrelations@wipp.ws)

