

## Announcement of a 60-Day Public Comment Period and Public Information Meeting

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



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

**WHAT:** DOE and NWP (Permittees) will conduct a public meeting to provide information on the following Class 2 Permit Modification Request to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit):

- Update Panel 8 Volatile Organic Compound Room-Based Limits

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021  
5 – 7 p.m.

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

**Zoom:** The interested parties may also participate via the Zoom platform by following meeting link:

**REGISTER:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rdeGoqDkoHtdpwnCTN29RFoZRQ5uRGinj>

**WHY:** The Permittees have submitted a Class 2 Permit Modification Request to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The Permit Modification Request proposes to:

- Add Permit conditions that provide an equivalent level of worker protection in Panel 8 for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), as was required for Panels 1 through 7 due to a change in room height.
- Document the methodology used to calculate VOC room-based limits for Panel 8 in order for the NMED to evaluate the efficacy of the updates.
- Document the nominal room dimensions for Panel 8.
- Ensure other portions of the Permit reflect these updates.

**HOW:** The Permit Modification Request is available in the WIPP RCRA Permit Information Repository at <https://wipp.energy.gov/information-repository-index.asp> and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, NM. To obtain additional information about this Permit Modification Request, contact Mr. Bobby St. John, NWP, at 1-800-336-9477. A copy of the requested permit modification may also be obtained from the 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. EST on December 20, 2021.

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