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

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


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/tZ0rdeGoqDkoHtdpwnCTN29RFoZRQ5uRQinj

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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WIPP Permit Community Relations Plan
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