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WIPP UPDATE: March 25, 2014

HEPA Filter Test Moves Forward

Los Alamos resumed aerosol tests on WIPP high efficiency air particulate (HEPA) filters after acquiring a larger generator needed to inject the aerosol into the filters. The tests aim to determine the efficiency of the filters, some of which will be scheduled for replacement. Additional HEPA filters have been ordered and will be on-site next week. Before the replacement filters arrive at WIPP they must be shipped from the manufacturer to a Maryland facility that performs efficiency testing to nuclear facility specifications.

Community Meetings Scheduled

March 25 – WIPP update to City of Eunice at 5:30 p.m. on WIPP recovery activities and temporary storage of Los Alamos wastes at Waste Control Specialists. Location: Eunice Community Center, 12th Street and Avenue I.

March 25 - WIPP update to the Artesia City Council at 7:00 p.m. on WIPP recovery activities. Location: 511 W. Texas Ave., Artesia

March 27 – WIPP update to the Lea County Commission at 9:00 a.m. in Lovington. Location: County Court House, 100 N. Main Avenue, Lovington, N.M.

March 27 - Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway and DOE co-host a meeting featuring updates on WIPP recovery activities. The meetings will be held every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 101 N. Halagueno Street. The meeting will also be streamed live at http://new.livestream.com/rrv/.