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Filter replacement activities continue smoothly

Filter replacement activities continued last night as crews, with assistance from Savannah River Site and Los Alamos National Laboratory personnel, replaced a layer of filters in WIPP's ventilation system. The activity, which is being performed at night to reduce heat stress, was completed safely with excellent control of radiological contamination.

WIPP's ventilation system has two filter units. Each unit has 84 filters comprised of four layers—moderate efficiency filters, high efficiency filters, and two layers of HEPA filters. This week, teams replaced the high efficiency filters from one of the two units, followed by the replacement of moderate efficiency filters from the same unit. These filters make up the first layers of filtration and were the most affected by the fire and radiological event.

Aerosol testing of the filter unit is the next step in the process. This test measures if filters meet the required performance levels. If it passes the efficiency test, the work on the first filter unit is complete, and crews will move to the second unit.

Community Meetings Scheduled

June 19 – The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host this meeting, which features updates on WIPP recovery activities. These meetings are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. Location: Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 101 N. Halagueno Street. Live streaming of the weekly meetings can be seen at <http://new.livestream.com/rrv/>.