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## **WIPP UPDATE: January 21, 2016**

### **Revised Schedule for Resumption of Operations in 2016 Announced**

The Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) approved the new integrated Performance Measurement Baseline (PMB) for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The new PMB integrates WIPP recovery activities, baseline operations and capital asset projects into a single plan with a schedule that identifies a path to resumption of waste emplacement operations. The new PMB considers potential risks that could impact the project and adds appropriate contingency to the schedule to help ensure activities can be achieved safely. The new PMB schedule shows the initial resumption of waste emplacement operations in December 2016.

The Department is committed to resuming disposal operations at WIPP as soon it is safe to do so and this revised integrated PMB outlines the activities that must be completed to achieve that goal.

### **Next WIPP Town Hall Meeting Scheduled April 7**

The City of Carlsbad and DOE co-host quarterly Town Hall meetings featuring updates on WIPP recovery activities. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m. Location: Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 101 N. Halagueno Street. Live streaming of the meeting can be seen at <http://new.livestream.com/rvv/>.