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## WIPP UPDATE: April 19, 2014

### Robots from Sandia and Los Alamos National Laboratories on standby

This week, entry workers completed training to learn how to operate robots from Sandia National Laboratories and Los Alamos National Laboratory that are on standby to support Phase 3 operations. The robots will only be used if workers cannot access the suspected contamination source.



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### **LANL shipments continue to Waste Control Specialists**

To date, the Waste Control Specialists (WCS) facility in Andrews, Texas, has received and processed 22 shipments of defense-generated transuranic waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory. The WIPP Central Characterization Project mobile loading unit and crew went to WCS to safely unload the disposal containers.

Plans include completing up to 10 shipments per week to WCS. All shipments are using WIPP's transportation protocols and procedures, and all waste meets WCS permit requirements and WIPP waste acceptance criteria. This transuranic waste will be shipped to WIPP for final disposal after the site reopens.

### **Community Meetings Scheduled**

Wednesday, April 23 – Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway and DOE will co-host a weekly town hall meeting featuring updates on WIPP recovery activities. The meeting will begin 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/>.