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## **WIPP UPDATE: May 5, 2014**

### **Samples sent to national laboratories for analysis**

Samples collected by employees during last week's re-entry into the WIPP underground facility will be sent to the WIPP Laboratories, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Savannah River National Laboratory for insight into what may have caused the February 14 radiological event.

Re-entry teams collected swipe samples in Room 7 of Panel 7. Workers also collected a filter from a fixed air sampler at the entrance of Room 1 in Panel 7 and the filter cartridge from a continuous air monitor in the exhaust drift of Panel 7. The samples will undergo a thorough radiological and chemical analysis at the three laboratories.

This week, DOE and NWP are making entries to update radiological controls in the WIPP underground facility, collect additional samples in Room 7, and take overhead photos of the suspected source of the event.

### **Community Meetings Scheduled**

**May 8** – The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host a weekly meeting featuring updates on WIPP recovery activities. The meeting is scheduled on Thursday 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/rvv/>.