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WIPP personnel upgrading safety programs

While attention is focused on determining the cause of the February radiological release, WIPP personnel are also upgrading WIPP safety programs and addressing issues identified by federal accident investigators following the fire and radiological event. Experts from across the DOE complex and nuclear industry are on-site to evaluate and help improve WIPP safety, emergency management and radiological programs.

A corrective action plan for the salt haul truck fire is in development and improvements to emergency response plans are being implemented. WIPP Operations personnel will also visit various Department of Energy sites to shadow personnel who have been performing formal, disciplined nuclear operations for decades. Lessons Learned from these visits will be incorporated into various processes at WIPP to ensure more rigor in conduct of operations. WIPP is revising its safety basis document to identify all possible hazards associated with WIPP operations and establish additional hazard controls.

Community Meetings Scheduled

May 15 – The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host its weekly meeting featuring updates on WIPP recovery activities. The meeting is scheduled 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/rrv/>.

May 20 – A WIPP Recovery update will be provided at the Economic Development Corporation of Lea County Annual Meeting. The update, which will be provided by a member of the NWP Communications team, is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Location: Hobbs Country Club, 5001 W. Carlsbad Highway.