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## **WIPP UPDATE: May 28, 2015**

### **WIPP Successfully Completes ISO 14001 Certification**

The WIPP site successfully demonstrated to independent auditors that the WIPP Environmental Management System (EMS) meets all the requirements of the ISO 14001 standard. After a recent three days of reviewing the [17 elements of ISO 14001](#), the auditors concluded the EMS program and procedures properly manage the environmental aspects and impacts of WIPP operations to meet the standard's requirements. As a result, the certification of the WIPP EMS will continue for three years.

ISO 14001 is an international standard for the development of effective environmental management systems that could have a direct impact on the environment. The practices and goals that are managed through the EMS include: energy efficiency, reduction in greenhouse gases, use of renewable energy, reduced water consumption intensity, acquisition of green products and services, pollution prevention (P2) (cost-effective waste prevention, recycling, diversion of solid wastes), sustainable design/high performance buildings, reduction in petroleum consumption, and electronics stewardship (based on DOE Order 436.1, *Departmental Sustainability*).

The employees of WIPP are dedicated to protecting human health and the environment and continue to seek ways to improve on current processes and procedures.

### **Next WIPP Town Hall Meeting Scheduled June 4**

The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host its Town Hall meeting featuring updates on WIPP recovery activities. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4 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/rrv/>.