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Senior DOE Officials Return to WIPP



Dr. Monica Regalbuto speaks with outgoing NWP President and Project Manager Bob McQuinn

Two senior Department of Energy officials – David Klaus, Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Performance, and Dr. Monica Regalbuto, Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management – visited the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) this week to meet with management, employees and the community and assess WIPP recovery progress. They also toured the WIPP underground to see firsthand the significant recovery progress that has been made.

The most recent milestones include the isolation of the nitrate salt bearing waste containers associated with the breached drum through closure of Panel 6 and Panel 7, Room 7. There has also been progress on the interim ventilation system, which will increase the overall amount of airflow in the underground facility from the 60,000 cubic feet per minute (CFM) available under the current configuration to 114,000 CFM.



David Klaus speaks with a WIPP employee about initial closure activities on Panel 6 and Panel 7, Room 7

Recording of June 4 WIPP Town Hall Meeting Available

A recording of the June 4 Town Hall Meeting on WIPP recovery activities can be seen at <http://new.livestream.com/rrv/>. In addition to recovery progress updates from WIPP management, the New Mexico Environment Department addressed the recent settlement agreement during the meeting.