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Filter replacement complete in first unit

Yesterday, employees completed aerosol testing on the first underground ventilation system filter unit. After successfully replacing the moderate and high efficiency filters in the first filtration unit, the aerosol test verified that the unit is performing as designed and the high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters do not need to be replaced at this time. This completes replacement activities for the first filter unit.

Since the change-out, employees have diverted airflow from the second filter unit for filter replacement activities and restored airflow through the newly replaced filters in the first unit. Additionally, employees completed the fogging process on the second unit's filters. The fogging process involves spraying a fixative that helps adhere contamination to the filters and reduces the potential for airborne radioactive contamination during the change-out. Crews are expected to begin filter replacement in the second unit tonight.

CBFO Manager's weekly update to local residents

Read Carlsbad Field Office Manager Joe Franco's letter to Eddy, Lea, and Chavez County residents for the week of June 16 at: http://wipp.energy.gov/pr/2014/6_18_14_CBFO_Manager_Ltr.pdf.

Community meetings scheduled

July 3 – The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host this meeting, which features updates on WIPP recovery activities. These meetings are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays of the month 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/>.