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WIPP UPDATE: June 28, 2016

WIPP to Hold Public Meetings on Permit Modification Request

The U.S. Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (Permittees) will conduct two public meetings on Tuesday, June 28, and Thursday, June 30, 2016.

Tuesday, June 28, 2016
3:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Courtyard by Marriott
3347 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Thursday, June 30, 2016
5:00 to 7:00 P.M.
Skeen-Whitlock Building
4021 National Parks Highway
Carlsbad, New Mexico

The purpose of the meetings is to provide information to the public on a proposed request to modify the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The Class 2 Permit Modification Request was submitted by the Permittees to the New Mexico Environment Department on June 3, 2016. The permit modification request proposes to:

- Provide the Permittees the ability to implement alternative measures in situations where the active room ventilation rate cannot be met. These alternative measures would continue to ensure the safety of the personnel performing these operations.
- Provide the Permittees the ability to propose an alternative remedial action plan to the Secretary in lieu of closing the active room if the requirements of Permit Part 4, Section 4.6.3.3., cannot be met.
- Simplify the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Contingency Plan implementation criteria.
- Remove the minimum air velocity value in Attachment A2.

- Address the new WIPP Fire Department.
- Revise and update the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Contingency Plan.
- Revise emergency response personnel job titles/descriptions and training.
- Make editorial changes.

The Class 2 Permit Modification Request package and public notice is available on the WIPP web site at http://www.wipp.energy.gov/rcradox/rfc/com_menu.htm. For more information, contact Bobby St. John at 1-800-336-9477.

Tentative Date for Next WIPP Town Hall Meeting - August 4

The City of Carlsbad and DOE co-host Town Hall meetings to provide updates on WIPP recovery and restart activities. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 4 at 5:30 p.m. Location: Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 101 N. Halagueno Street. WIPP Town Hall Meetings are live streamed at <http://new.livestream.com/rrv/>.