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WIPP UPDATE: July 28, 2014

MSHA performs WIPP inspection

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) recently inspected the WIPP facility. Since underground access was not available at the time of the visit, inspectors focused on the surface facilities. Following their inspection, MSHA issued 52 citations for various conditions including general workplace tidiness, exposed electrical wiring and missing safety guards on equipment. Currently, 49 of the citations have been addressed and corrective actions completed. A list of citations and dispositions can be found at http://www.wipp.energy.gov/Special/msha_status.pdf.

The three outstanding citations are related to missing equipment guards. The safety guards are being designed and fabricated at an offsite location and will be installed when they are received. WIPP will continue to work closely with MSHA to find ways to improve the safety and working environment at the facility.

Community meetings scheduled

August 7 – The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host a town hall 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 meeting can be seen at <http://new.livestream.com/rrv/>.