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Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz visits WIPP

This week, Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz visited Carlsbad to tour the site and see firsthand the recovery efforts underway at the WIPP facility. In addition to meeting with local officials, Secretary Moniz spoke to area residents about WIPP recovery efforts at a town hall meeting, which also included Senator Tom Udall, Senator Martin Heinrich, Congressman Steve Pearce, Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department Ryan Flynn and Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway. While at the site, the Secretary and the congressional delegation also spoke to employees. This is the first WIPP visit for Moniz, who was confirmed as Energy Secretary in May 2013.



U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz addresses employees at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. Also on hand were DOE Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Performance, U.S. Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich and U.S. Congressman Steve Pearce. Additional photos from the Secretary's visit to WIPP will be posted on Wednesday.

Community Meetings Scheduled

August 21 – The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host a town hall meeting featuring updates on WIPP recovery activities and a presentation from the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) on Thursday, August 21, at 5:30 p.m. Location: City Council Chambers, 101 N. Halagueno St. Live streaming of the meetings can be seen at <http://new.livestream.com/rrv/>.