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WIPP UPDATE: August 5, 2014

Safety Enhancements Continue at WIPP

The Accident Investigation Board report for the underground truck fire was issued in March 2014 and the Radiological Release (Phase I) report was issued in May 2014. Corrective Action Plans have been developed and are currently being reviewed, awaiting final approval from the U.S. Department of Energy. Although these plans are still undergoing formal reviews, a number of organizational and safety related actions have already been implemented.

The site developed an Executive Safety and Quality Review Board to ensure adequate oversight as changes and updates to all safety related programs and procedures are implemented. Immediate health and safety concerns identified in the reports have also been addressed and specific actions and are being implemented in the areas of emergency management and fire response and prevention.

Community Meetings Scheduled

August 7 – Town hall meeting canceled.

August 11 – The City of Carlsbad and Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz will co-host a town hall meeting featuring updates on WIPP recovery activities at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 11. Location: Leo Sweet Community Center, 1302 Mission Ave. Live streaming of the weekly meetings can be seen at <http://new.livestream.com/rrv/>.