

PUBLIC COMMENT
U.S. Department of Energy
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
Hazardous Waste Facility Permit
Community Relations Plan



WHO: The U.S. Department of Energy and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (the Permittees) are seeking public comments and suggestions to improve the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Community Relations Plan as part of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit Number: NM4890139088-TSDF) issued by the New Mexico Environment Department.

New Mexico residents, organizations, interest groups, federal, state and local government entities, tribal governments and tribal members are encouraged to provide comments or suggestions to the Permittees to enhance the Plan.

WHAT: The Community Relations Plan is designed to inform communities and interested members of the public about WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit activities and opportunities for public participation in those activities.

PLAN ELEMENTS:

Part 1, Section 1.15.2 of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit identifies six key elements of the Plan:

1. Establish working relationships with communities and interested members of the public.
2. Establish productive government to government relations between the U.S. Department of Energy and affected tribes and pueblos.
3. Inform communities and interested parties of permit activities.
4. Minimize disputes and resolve differences with communities and interested members of the public.
5. Provide timely responses to individual requests for information.
6. Establish mechanisms for communities and interested members of the public to provide feedback and input to the Permittees.

The Permittees propose minor updates to the Plan which will be mailed to individuals on the WIPP Facility Mailing List for comment. Proposed updates are also available online at: <http://www.wipp.energy.gov/WIPPCommunityRelations/index.html>

HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS:

Contact the Permittees by e-mail, telephone or by mail to receive a copy of the updated WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Community Relations Plan.

Comments and suggestions can be made online by accessing the Plan at: <http://www.wipp.energy.gov/WIPPCommunityRelations/index.html> and clicking on the community relations email link.

E-mail: communityrelations@wipp.ws

Call the toll free telephone number: 1-866-271-9640, available during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. MST.

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Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on November 18, 2022.