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# Carlsbad Town Hall Meeting

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# Agenda

- Opening Comments – Mayor Dale Janway
- Update on CBFO and WIPP activities – Dana Bryson
- Recovery Status – Tammy Reynolds
- Radiological Contamination – Jim Blankenhorn
- Audience Questions
  - In house
  - Internet
- Closing Comments – Dana Bryson

# Update on CBFO and WIPP Activities

Dana Bryson, CBFO Deputy Manager



# WIPP Recovery Progress

- Successful completion of Project Reach
- Restoring the underground
  - Bolting
  - Contamination mitigation
- Panel 6 initial closure





# Outreach Efforts

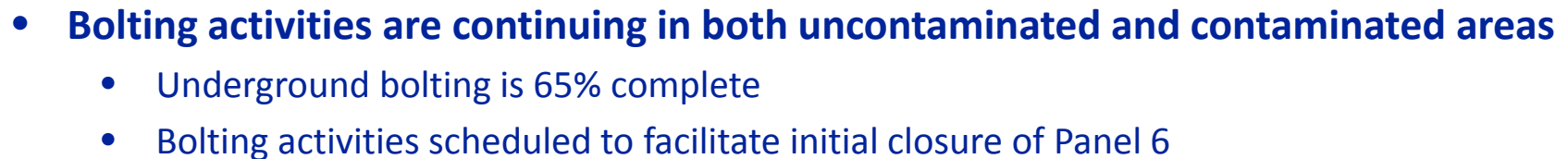
- Stakeholder briefings
  - New Mexico Legislative
  - Carlsbad small business
- Emergency Management Regional Response Workshop



# Recovery Status

Tammy Reynolds, NWP Deputy Recovery Manager







# Ventilation System Filter Change-Out Preparations

- Periodic filter replacements are expected and included in the Recovery effort.
  - The WIPP ventilation system has two filter units
    - Each unit has 84 filters comprised of four stages
    - The first stage of filters (moderate filters) have been replaced due to a buildup of salt dust.
- Recent radiological surveys show significantly less contamination on the filters than during previous filter replacements in June 2014



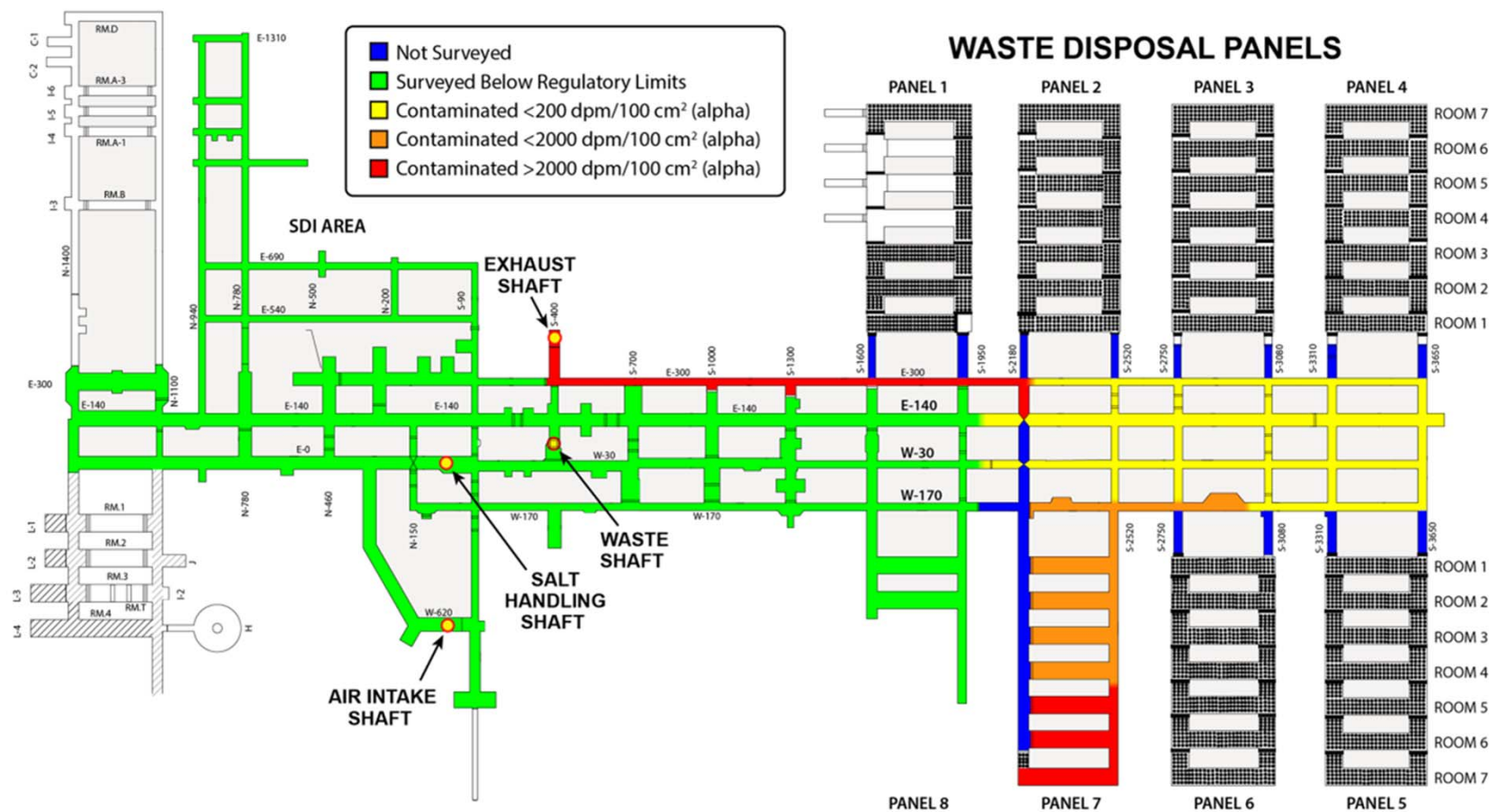


# Radiological Contamination

Jim Blankenhorn, NWP Recovery Manager



# Radiological Contamination Levels



# Contamination Mitigation

- WIPP has procured new equipment to mitigate contamination
  - Spray cart
    - Applies a water mist to stabilize and encapsulate the radioactive particles into the salt
  - HEPA vacuum system
    - Used to capture loose contamination that has not been encapsulated into the salt





# Questions & Answers





# Closing Comments

Dana Bryson, CBFO Deputy Manager

