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
• 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

Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
United States Department of Energy
• **Bolting activities are continuing in both uncontaminated and contaminated areas**
  • Underground bolting is 65% complete
  • Bolting activities scheduled to facilitate initial closure of Panel 6
• 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
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