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WIPP Town Hall Meeting

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August 6, 2015

Agenda

- Opening comments – Mayor Dale Janway
- Moderator – Tim Runyon
- EOC activation – Jim Blankenhorn
- Recovery schedule – Frank Marcinowski
- Revising the PMB – Jim Blankenhorn
- Update on CBFO and WIPP activities – Dana Bryson
- Recovery status – Jim Blankenhorn
- Audience questions
 - In house
 - Internet
- Closing comments – Dana Bryson

EOC Activation

Jim Blankenhorn, NWP Recovery Manager



EOC Activation Event

8/4/15 – at 6 p.m. the WIPP Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated when Radiation Control Technicians detected radioactive contamination at the Station B sampler location at levels they believed to be twice background levels

- EOC became operational at 7:45 p.m.
- Joint Information Center (JIC) was activated
- Site personnel were sheltered in place/personnel in the U/G were staged in assembly area
- Courtesy notifications provided to ranchers, industry personnel, community leaders and regulators
- There was no indication of radiological release
- Radiation Control Technicians conducted multiple radiological surveys to validate no release had occurred

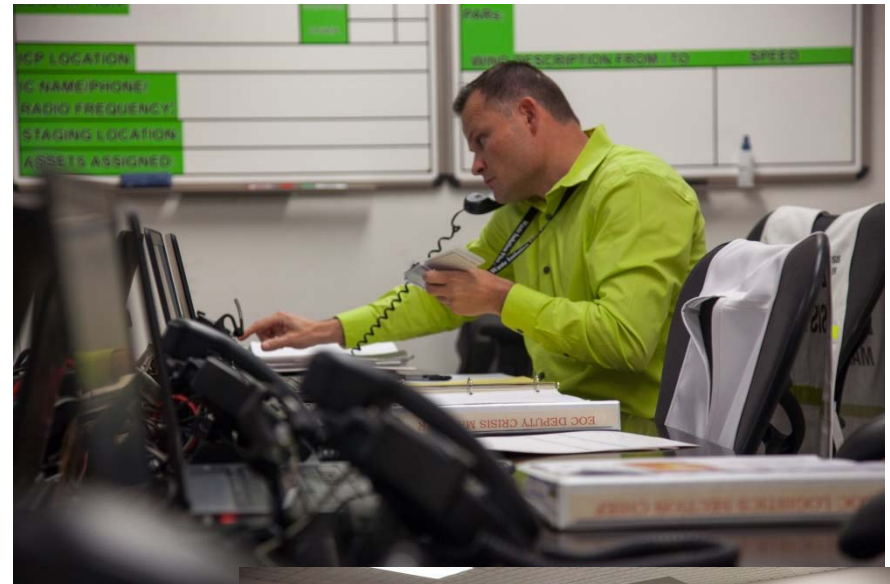
EOC Activation Event (cont.)

- Radiological Control Technicians determined that a mathematical miscalculation caused survey results for the Station B surface air monitoring station to appear erroneously high
- Multiple radiological surveys were performed and showed no radiological contamination
- 11:30 p.m. - the event was terminated and the EOC and JIC were deactivated



EOC Activation Event

- Timely response that followed established procedures and appropriately categorized the event
- Ability to fully staff the EOC and JIC
- Implementation of protective measures for workers and the public
- Communication with community leaders, state and local stakeholders and the media
- Facility response and recovery



Recovery Schedule

Frank Marcinowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Waste Management

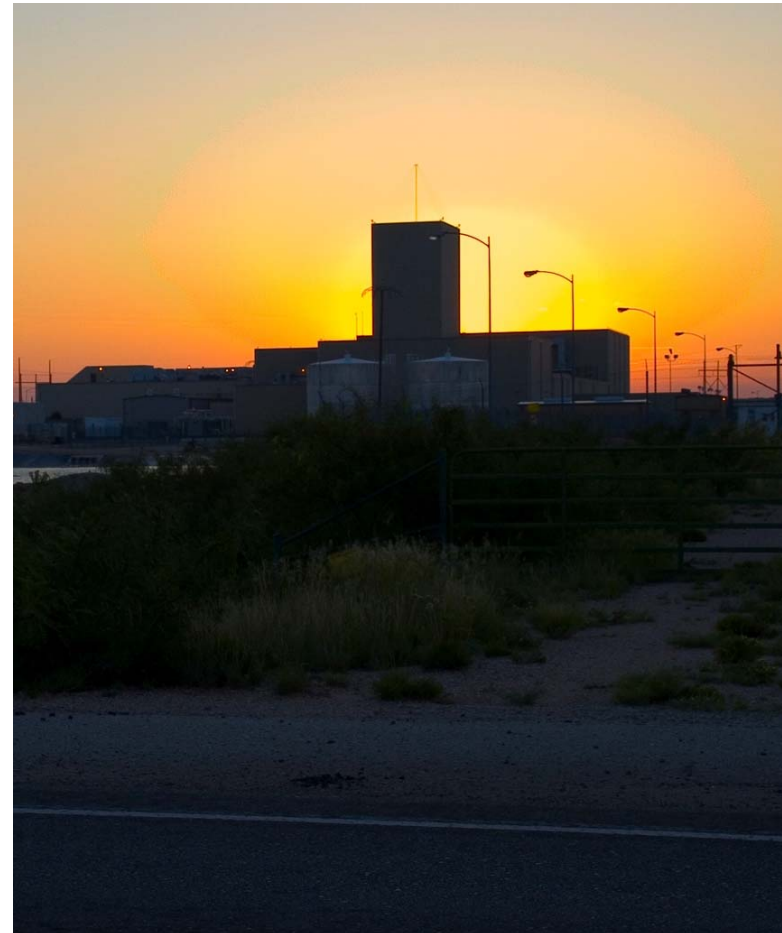
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Recovery Schedule

Primary reasons for revising the WIPP recovery schedule:

1. Documented Safety Analyses rewrite
2. Addressing the AIB Phase II findings
3. Repairs to Interim Ventilation System



Revising the Performance Measurement Baseline

Jim Blankenhorn, NWP Recovery Manager



Revising the PMB

Performance Measurement Baseline:

The time-phased budget plan against which contract performance is measured. It is formed by the budgets assigned to scheduled work elements.

Revising the PMB

- Because of changes in scope, the current PMB no longer represents the plan the project team is working to complete
- PMB evaluated in July using lean event approach
- Revised PMB based on current:
 - Scope
 - Logic
 - Cost
 - Resources



Update on CBFO and WIPP Activities

Dana Bryson, Acting CBFO Manager



WIPP Recovery Progress

- Interim Ventilation System
- Hybrid Bolter
- Fire Protection Workshop



Recovery Status

Jim Blankenhorn, NWP Recovery Manager and Deputy
Project Manager



Interim Ventilation System

- Fan/Filter Units
 - Repairs almost complete
 - Testing is underway
 - Once testing is complete, units will be moved to site for installation
- Civil engineering work
 - Concrete placements completed
 - Final grading and cleanup completed



Supplemental Ventilation System



- Re-routing electrical power in underground
- Removal of 402 bulkhead in progress
- Downloading of SVS fan to underground scheduled later this month

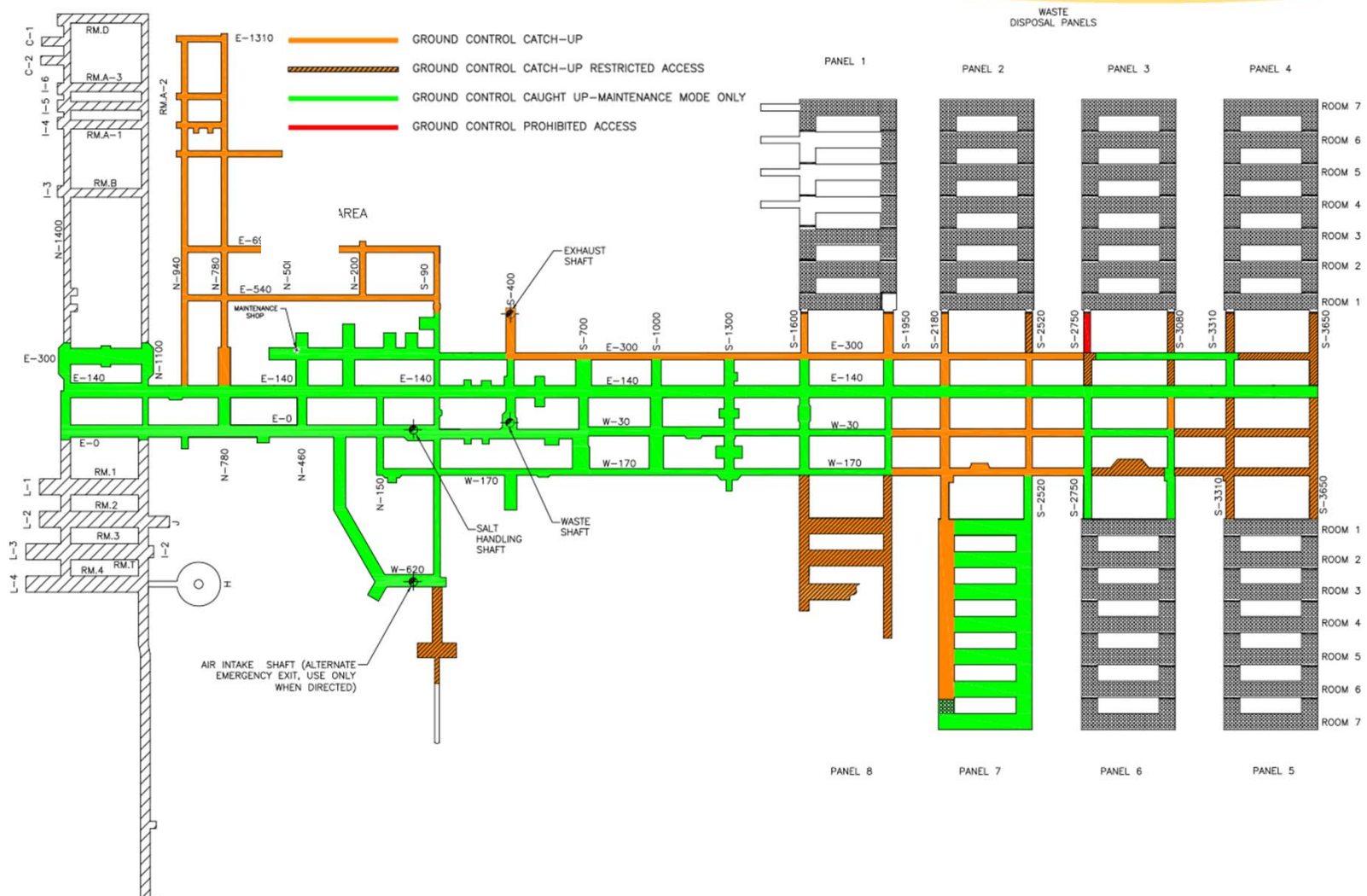


Hybrid Bolter



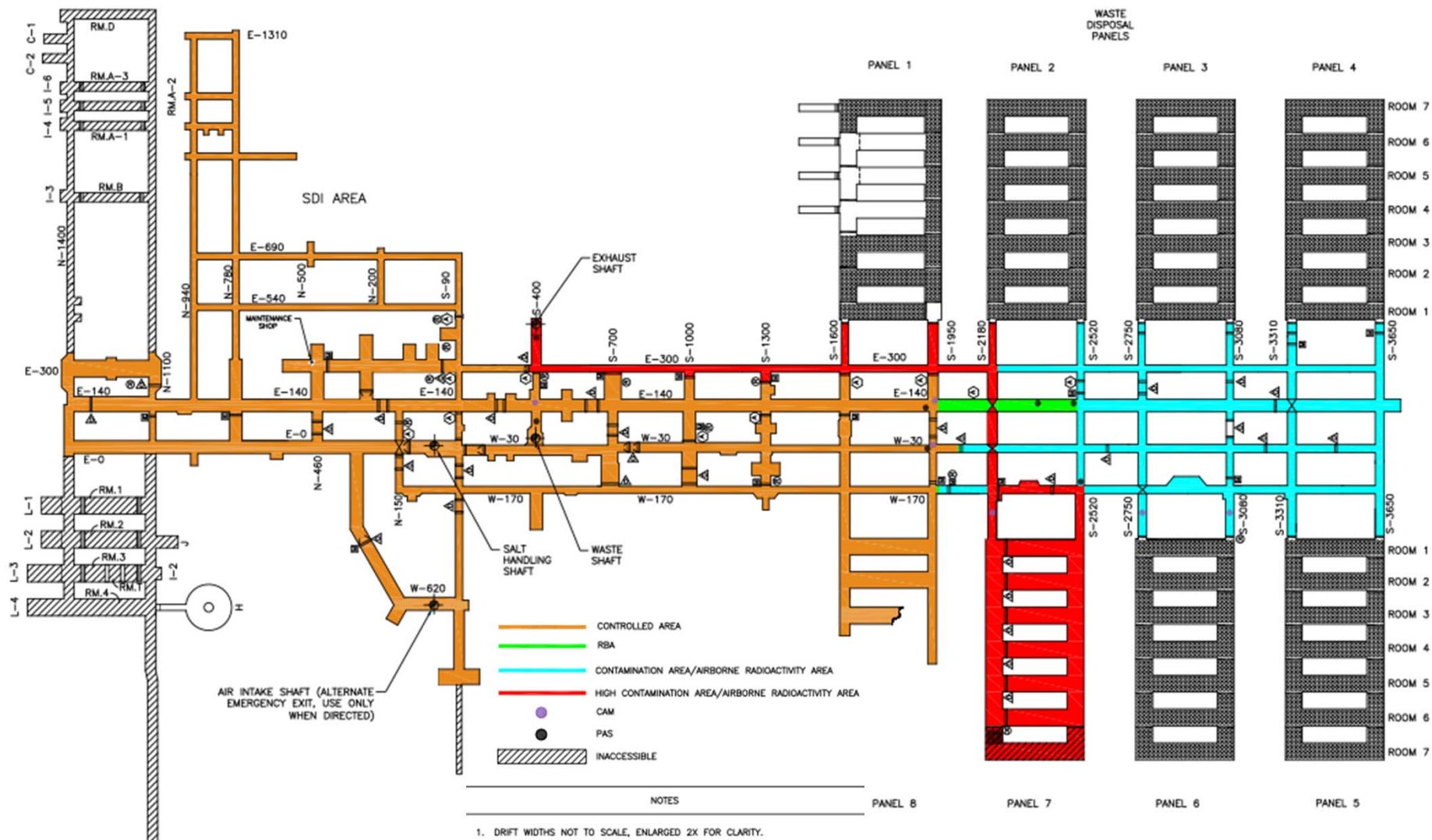
- WIPP purchased a new hybrid (diesel/electric) bolter
- The unit has been moved underground and reassembled; fire suppression is being installed
- Bolter will allow acceleration of ground control work

Ground Control



Over 3,000 bolts installed as part of the “catch-up” bolting activities

Radiological Posting



Questions & Answers



Closing Comments

Dana Bryson, CBFO Acting Manager

