



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT

CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE (CBFO)

CBFO manages the Department of Energy's National TRU Program Office and WIPP program.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) created the Carlsbad Area Office in late 1993 to lead the nation's transuranic waste disposal efforts. In September 2000, the office was elevated in status to become the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO), taking on significant new responsibilities.

The CBFO coordinates the transuranic programs at waste-generating sites and national laboratories, through the National TRU Program to ensure the safe, permanent disposal of this man-made radioactive waste.

The stages of managing transuranic waste extend from cradle to grave, meaning from time of generation to disposal. Management may include treatment, storage, transportation, and disposal. Only waste that meets established rules will be disposed of at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).

For program and policy direction, the CBFO manager reports to the DOE Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management in Washington, D.C. The CBFO manager receives administrative support from the DOE's Albuquerque Operations Office.

DID YOU KNOW...

MANAGEMENT INCLUDES TREATMENT, STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISPOSAL. ONLY WASTE THAT MEETS ESTABLISHED RULES WILL BE DISPOSED OF AT THE WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT (WIPP).

Program and policy management includes:

- Providing a focal point for all matters related to transuranic waste management in the country.
- Giving all interested stakeholders a chance to participate in DOE decision making pertaining to the National TRU Program.

Organizational components of the CBFO include administration; public affairs; compliance; experimental programs; the WIPP site; and the National TRU Program Office, which manages strategic planning to track, measure, and report integration of the nation's transuranic waste management activities.

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