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WIPP Emergency Operations Center Activated on Limited Basis

CARLSBAD, N.M., 12/29/2015 1:26 PM (MT) – At approximately, 9 a.m. Mountain Time, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Emergency Operations Center (EOC) announced a Level 1 activation to support coordination of resources needed to safely restore normal operations at WIPP due to the recent severe snow storm in southeast New Mexico.

The icy and snow packed road conditions have made road conditions difficult for the workforce to commute to the WIPP site. Resources are being requested, both locally and from the state of New Mexico, to mobilize snow removal equipment to clear the north and south access roads and the WIPP parking lot.

A Level 1 EOC activation is not related to an actual emergency, but allows monitoring and coordination of resources by key emergency management and Department of Energy personnel. Level 1 is the least severe of all EOC activation levels.