

Announcement of Public Comment Period and Information Meetings



Requested Modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

- WHO:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (NWP).
- WHAT:** DOE and NWP (Permittees) will conduct public meetings to provide information on the following Class 2 Permit Modification Request for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit):
- Clarification of TRU Mixed Waste Disposal Volume Reporting
- WHEN:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 5 - 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2018 3 - 5 p.m.
- WHERE:** Skeen-Whitlock Building 4021 National Parks Highway Carlsbad, New Mexico Courtyard by Marriott 3347 Cerrillos Road Santa Fe, New Mexico
- WHY:** On January 31, 2018, the Permittees submitted a Class 2 Permit Modification Request to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The Permit Modification Request proposes to:
- Add new definitions to distinguish between Transuranic (TRU) Mixed Waste Volume and Land Withdrawal Act (LWA) TRU Waste Volume of Record
 - Clarify that Final TRU Mixed Waste Volumes reported by the Permittees are based on outermost disposal container volumes
 - Explain that LWA TRU Waste Volume of Record is tracked and reported separately by the DOE relative to the WIPP LWA total TRU waste capacity limit of 6.2 million cubic feet
 - Revise the final remote-handled TRU mixed waste volume reported for Panel 6 to reflect the outermost container volume for shielded containers
 - Revise the Part A Permit Application to ensure consistency between the process design capacity and the maximum capacities of the Hazardous Waste Disposal Units allowed by the Permit in Part 4, Table 4.1.1
 - Revise the maximum waste inventory description in the Closure Plan to ensure consistency with Permit Part 4, Table 4.1.1
 - Make editorial changes throughout the Permit to ensure consistency of text relative to the changes described above
- HOW:** To obtain additional information about this Permit Modification Request, contact Mr. Bobby St. John, NWP at 1-800-336-9477. The Permit Modification Request is also available on the WIPP web site at <http://www.wipp.energy.gov> and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, NM. A copy of the requested permit modification may also be obtained from NMED at the address listed below.
- COMMENTS:** Written comments for the record must be sent to the NMED contact person at the address below and received no later than 5 p.m. on April 3, 2018.
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- The Permittees' compliance history during the life of the Permit being modified is available from Mr. Maestas at the NMED.
- QUESTIONS:** Any questions regarding this permit modification request may be directed to Mr. Bobby St. John, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM 88221, no later than March 27, 2018.

WIPP Permit Community Relations Plan

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