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## **WIPP UPDATE: March 19, 2015**

### **WIPP is Center Stage at Waste Management Conference**

WIPP took center stage at this week's Waste Management Symposia 2015 in Phoenix, Arizona, where more than 200 participants attended a three-hour panel discussion titled "*Lessons Learned and Return to Operations Following 2014 Operational Incidents.*"

The panel focused on the WIPP fire and radiological release incidents that occurred in February of 2014, lessons learned, ongoing recovery activities, and impacts on affected Department of Energy (DOE) transuranic waste generator sites. WIPP recovery officials from Carlsbad and DOE Headquarters discussed the recovery plan and provided a status and plans for resumption of transuranic waste operations across the DOE complex.

The annual conference provides a forum for discussing cost-effective and environmentally responsible solutions to the safe management and disposition of radioactive waste and radioactive materials.



**James Knox with the Arizona Department of Public Service performs a mock Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) level VI inspection of a WIPP truck and transuranic waste shipping containers during this week's Waste Management Conference in Phoenix.**

**Next WIPP Town Hall Meeting Scheduled April 2**

The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host its Town Hall meeting featuring updates on WIPP recovery activities. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2 at 5:30 p.m. Location: Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 101 N. Halagueno Street. Live streaming of the meeting can be seen at <http://new.livestream.com/rrv/>.