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Filter Replacement Activities Complete

This week, filter replacements were safely and successfully completed. The high efficiency filters on the second filter unit were replaced on June 20, and employees replaced the moderate filters on June 23. Decontamination and cleanup of the work areas in the filter building will complete all activities currently scheduled for WIPP's ventilation system.

Employees are also restoring higher airflow levels now that both filter units are operational. Additionally, teams can resume entries to evaluate the condition of the underground facility and verify that conditions have not changed since the last entry on May 30.

The Accident Investigation Board has released the underground facility to DOE with the exception of Panel 7, Room 7. WIPP personnel are now able to make entries focused on performing ground control activities to maintain mine safety. Later entries will return focus to investigating the radiological event that occurred in the underground facility in February.

Community Meetings Scheduled

July 10 – The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host its bi-monthly meeting featuring updates on WIPP recovery activities. The originally scheduled July 3 meeting was moved to accommodate residents' July 4 weekend activities. The meeting is now scheduled for Thursday, July 10 at 5:30 p.m. Location: Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 101 N. Halagueno Street. Live streaming of the weekly meetings can be seen at <http://new.livestream.com/rrv/>.