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Waste Hoist cleaning nears completion

Cleaning activities on the Waste Hoist, or elevator, are nearing completion. The soot that accumulated on surfaces of the hoist and associated ductwork as the result of the February 5 fire has been removed. Workers will now redirect electrical power from the hoist to allow safe access to the electrical panels as they complete final cleaning activities. The Waste Hoist System, including the shaft leading to the underground, will be inspected once cleaning is finished and before the hoist is returned to service.

The 45-ton hoist is used to transport transuranic waste from the surface to the WIPP underground facility. The hoist is critically important for moving personnel and equipment to the underground for recovery phase activities.

Community Meetings Scheduled

July 24 – The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host its regular semi-monthly Town Hall meeting featuring updates on WIPP recovery activities. The meeting is scheduled Thursday 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/>.