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WIPP to reduce transportation contract drivers

Visionary Solutions, a carrier contracted to transport waste to WIPP, will reduce its driver teams as a result of the February events that suspended waste disposal operations at the facility. The temporary halt in shipments to WIPP has significantly reduced the need for transportation services in the near-term.

In anticipation of the decline in shipments, the Carlsbad Field Office asked Visionary Solutions to propose cost estimates that reflect the reduced need for transportation services. Effective today, Visionary Solutions will reduce its qualified 2-person driving teams from 11 to 3. The number of dedicated tractors or trucks will also be reduced to three.

WIPP will maintain its transportation capability to support continued training requirements, emergency response exercises, and potential inter-site shipments. WIPP continues to focus all efforts on recovering the facility and returning to full operations.

Community Meetings Scheduled

July 24 – The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host a 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 meeting can be seen at http://new.livestream.com/rrv/.