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August 8 Workshop in Albuquerque on WIPP's Strategic Planning

Interested stakeholders are invited to attend an August 8 workshop on strategic planning for transuranic waste operations at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) through Fiscal Year 2050. The workshop is scheduled for 9-11 a.m. at the AECOM Office, One Park Square, 6501 Americas Parkway NE, Albuquerque, NM.

The workshop is being held in response to requests from stakeholders wanting to learn more about WIPP's strategic planning process in the areas of site infrastructure, waste emplacement rates, mining, and increasing waste shipments. A similar workshop was held in Carlsbad on July 13 at the DOE's Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO).

Please contact Nuclear Waste Partnership Communications Manager Donavan Mager (575-234-7586) or CBFO Technical Assistance Contractor Manager Tim Runyon (575-234-7545) with questions.

Industry Day Planned for Ventilation System Construction Project

An Industry Day for future procurement/construction of a proposed new underground ventilation system (NUVS) for WIPP will be held August 10 in Carlsbad, NM. General construction contractors, suppliers and vendors are invited, and small business enterprises are encouraged to attend. Work under an approved NQA-1 program would be required for some portions of the project.

The meeting will be at the Walter Gerrells Performing Arts Center, 4012 National Parks Highway, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The NUVS would be constructed above-ground and would include a new filter building (52,677 ft2) and a building containing a salt reduction system (23,914 ft2). Building construction would consist of precast panels and cast-in-place concrete. The facility would include six 1,000 hp (nominal) exhaust fans, 22 nuclear air filtration HEPA units and two diesel generators, which would be provided as government-furnished property. The project timeframe is anticipated to be April 2018 to March 2020.

Interested contractors should sign up at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/waste-isolation-pilot-plant-industry-day-new-filter-building-construction-tickets-36398315341