

Waste Isolation Pilot Plant



The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) WIPP facility has safely disposed of the nation's defense related transuranic (TRU) radioactive waste for the past

15
years

22 DOE generator sites of legacy TRU waste have been cleaned up

TRU waste consists of radioactive contaminated clothing, tools, etc. It is disposed of in underground waste disposal rooms carved out of a 250-million-year-old salt formation

2,150
feet below the surface

WIPP began operations in

March
1999

The WIPP facility is located **26 miles** southeast of Carlsbad, N.M.

WIPP is the only federal repository for the nation's **TRU waste**

1,000
people

are employed at WIPP, which includes employees supporting waste characterization and packaging activities at the generator sites.

