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Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Environmental Policy Statement

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The Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (NWP), consider the protection of workers, the public, and the environment to be the highest priority as we conduct all of our combined activities at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) project. We are committed to achieving and maintaining high standards of environmental quality and to providing a safe and healthful workplace for our employees and communities while disposing of transuranic waste in an environmentally sound and cost-efficient manner.

The WIPP **environmental management system (EMS)**, part of the **WIPP integrated safety management system**, provides a formal, organized process whereby CBFO and NWP continually plan, perform, assess, and improve the environmental performance of the WIPP project. The WIPP EMS meets the requirements of DOE Order 436.1, *Departmental Sustainability*, and the International Organization for Standardization *Environmental Management Systems—Requirements with Guidance for Use* (ISO14001: 2004E). **Compliance** with laws and applicable requirements is strengthened, **pollution prevention** initiatives are implemented, and **sustainability** is enhanced through the EMS. Our EMS provides the basis for **continual improvement** and **environmental accountability** in the decision-making process. In support of this policy, we will:

- **Comply with environmental requirements** applicable to the operation of the WIPP facility through the implementation of programs, plans, practices, and procedures. When appropriate, we will incorporate requirements into contracts to ensure compliance.
- **Set objectives, targets, and measures** to continually improve our performance, and use oversight and self-assessments to ensure effective implementation of the EMS.
- **Seek to achieve sustainable operations through safe, responsible, and cost-effective methods.** We will strive to diminish our consumption of natural resources (energy, water, materials) and prevent pollution by using sustainable products, minimizing waste generation, and recycling or reusing materials, when practicable. We will also work to reduce our emissions and effluents by employing operational controls, diligently monitoring operational indicators and implementing corrective and preventive actions when necessary.
- Be an **environmentally responsible neighbor** in our communities by working with stakeholders to address mutual environmental concerns related to WIPP operations and acting to correct incidents or conditions that endanger health, safety, or the environment. We will seek out public input and respond to stakeholder views when making decisions. We will minimize harm to endangered species, habitats, ecologically sensitive areas, and cultural resources.
- Communicate this policy to those who work in the WIPP project to ensure their actions are conducted in a manner consistent with this policy.

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