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Subject: Revised WIPP Environmental Policy Statement

This memorandum supersedes Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) memorandum CBFO:EDP:GTB:ELN:16-0517:UFC 5486.00 dated April 4, 2016. The U.S. Department of Energy CBFO and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (NWP), consider the protection of workers, the public, and the environment to be of the highest priority at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). To demonstrate this commit and ensure the site achieves and maintains high standards of environmental protection, the CBFO and NWP jointly accept the revised Environmental Policy Statement (04-3310).

The WIPP Environmental Policy Statement is a key component of the WIPP Environmental Management System (EMS) and communicates the WIPP strategic level environmental objectives as commitments to comply with applicable environmental requirements.

The Policy Statement is maintained in the WIPP document control system and is updated when deemed appropriate. Due to the recent changes in the ISO 14001 standard, it is appropriate to communicate the reflected changes of the Policy Statement. This memorandum is to let you know that effective as of April 17, 2018 the signatures on the Policy Statement acknowledge and accept these changes. The enclosed updated Environmental Policy Statement will be available on the CBFO and NWP intranet pages and may be posted throughout the facility. Please direct any questions to William Harriman, NWP EMS Program Coordinator, at 234-8637 or Anthony Stone, CBFO EMS Coordinator at 234-7475.

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## Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Environmental Policy Statement

DOE/WIPP 04-3310, Rev. 7

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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 will maintain high standards of environmental quality and provide a safe and healthful workplace for our employees and communities while disposing of transuranic waste in an environmentally sound and cost-efficient manner.

While fulfilling the WIPP mission of safe and environmentally sound disposal of transuranic waste, we will operate within the following strategic principles.

- **Protect the environment**, prevent pollution, protect land, air and water quality, minimize harm to endangered species, habitats, ecological sensitive areas and cultural resources and act to correct incidents or conditions that endanger the environment.
- **Comply with environmental requirements** applicable to the operation of the WIPP facility through the implementation of programs, plans, practices, and procedures.
- **Seek to operate sustainably through safe, responsible, and cost-effective methods.** We will strive to diminish our consumption of natural resources (energy, water, materials) use sustainable products, minimize waste generation, and recycle or reuse materials, when practicable.
- Be an **environmentally responsible neighbor** in our communities by working with stakeholders to address mutual environmental concerns related to WIPP operations. We will seek out public input and respond to stakeholder views when making decisions.
- Enhance **environmental performance** by setting and working to achieve objectives and targets that are focused within these principles.

The WIPP **environmental management system (EMS), part of the WIPP integrated safety management system**, provides the formal, organized process whereby CBFO and NWP ensure this policy is implemented. The EMS will be routinely be evaluated and continually improved in order to enhance environmental performance.

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