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DOE, Westinghouse Sponsor Emergency Medical Technician Course

CARLSBAD, N.M., February 24, 2000 – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Area Office and the Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division are sponsoring a six-week Emergency Medical Technician-Basic course, March 1-April 19, at the Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway. Classes are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, and every other Friday, as scheduled.

The course, held in conjunction with the University of New Mexico Emergency Medical Services Academy, is open to the public. Instructors from the DOE's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) will be provided at no cost. Students must purchase their own textbook at a cost of \$45. A \$55 fee for training aides and administrative costs, payable to the State of New Mexico, is also required.

The class is designed to prepare students for the Emergency Medical Technician Basic exam, administered by the State of New Mexico. A passing score on the state exam allows students to become licensed emergency medical technicians, a requirement for employment at most fire departments. Continuing education credits are also provided for licensed emergency medical technicians.

DOE and Westinghouse, which have several licensed medical professionals on staff at WIPP, are providing the class as a community service.

For more information about the course, please call Roy Burkham, Team Leader, Emergency Response Training, Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division. He can be reached at 234-7508 or 234-7325.

Westinghouse is the management and operating contractor for DOE at WIPP.