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Westinghouse News

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**WIPP Personnel Plan Activities
For National Engineers Week**

CARLSBAD, N.M., February 18, 2000 -- Engineers from the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) will be on a mission next week — to encourage students to pursue careers in engineering, mathematics and science.

The information blitz is in observance of National Engineers Week, February 20-26. Throughout the week, engineers from the Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division will volunteer their time to make presentations at area high schools and colleges to inform and educate students about the engineering profession.

"Scientists and engineers are critical to the success of the WIPP project, as well as the future of our country," said Joe Epstein, General Manager of the Waste Isolation Division. "It is our hope that National Engineers Week activities will help students learn how these disciplines benefit society."

Westinghouse is the management and operating contractor for the DOE's Carlsbad Area Office at WIPP.

Westinghouse engineers will be at high schools in Artesia, Carlsbad, Dexter, Hagerman, Hobbs, Jal, Loving, Lovington and Roswell. Presentations are also scheduled at the Carlsbad branch of New Mexico State University and New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell.

As part of National Engineers Week, Westinghouse participates in the Discover "E" Program, developed in 1990 to increase visibility for engineering careers among students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The Discover "E" program promotes math, science and technology awareness.

A coalition of engineering societies, government agencies and major corporations, representing thousands of engineers, sponsors National Engineers Week.

National Engineers Week, founded in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers, is held annually around the birthday of President George Washington. A military engineer and land surveyor, Washington is commonly remembered as the nation's first engineer.