

Public Information Meetings

On Proposed Class 2 Modification To the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit For the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

August ??, 2000

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Skeen-Whitlock Building

4021 National Parks Highway

Carlsbad, New Mexico

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(Location TBD)

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

The purpose of these public information meetings are to:

1. Provide information to the public concerning a proposed Class 2 modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
2. Explain the process for submitting comments
3. Provide a forum for an exchange of views with the public, the facility's owner (U.S. Department of Energy), the management and operating contractor (Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division), and the regulatory agency (the New Mexico Environment Department)

*In its request, DOE proposes to 1) modify the aboveground storage capacity at WIPP by 25%, 2) expand the aboveground storage areas in the WIPP Waste Handling Building, 3) increase the length of time waste can be stored aboveground at WIPP before it is disposed, and 4) eliminate the audit and surveillance program for "mixed" transuranic radioactive waste characterized at WIPP,. DOE's request is in support of a proposed centralized waste characterization facility at WIPP. ***Note -- The permittee's compliance history during the life***

of the permit being modified is available from Mr. Steve Zappe at the New Mexico Environment Department.

To obtain information about the Class 2 Permit Modification, call the WIPP Information Center at 1-800-336-9477. The permit modification is also available on the WIPP homepage <<http://www.wipp.carlsbad.nm.us>> and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building,