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Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC Earns Corporate Award For Air Monitoring Initiative

CARLSBAD, N.M., July 9, 2002 – Washington Group International, Inc., has selected Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC (WTS) for a 2001 Eagle Award. WTS is the management and operating contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).

Washington Group International's annual Eagle Awards Program recognizes extraordinary projects, teams and individuals. Washington Group International is the parent company of WTS.

The Air Monitoring Improvement Team from WTS was selected as the Business Unit Project of the Year in the environmental category for its efforts to improve WIPP's air monitoring program.

The WTS team was formed to better demonstrate WIPP's compliance with technical and regulatory requirements and involved personnel from two WIPP oversight organizations -- the Environmental Evaluation Group and the Carlsbad Environmental Monitoring and Research Center, as well as from DOE. This group was able to address concerns, improvement ideas and corrective actions while implementing several improvements to the project's air monitoring program.

This cooperative effort has significantly improved the working relationship between the oversight groups and air monitoring personnel at WIPP.

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While many people played a role in the effort, the core team that brought about significant system improvements includes Ernie Endes, Linda Frank-Supka, Larry Landrum, Ricardo Sanchez, Carolyn Littrel, Ed Flynn, Adan Pena, Dave Kump, Kent Aveson and John Guy.

WIPP, a cornerstone of DOE's cleanup effort, is the nation's first repository for the permanent disposal of defense-generated transuranic radioactive waste left from the research and production of nuclear weapons.

Located in Southeast New Mexico, 26 miles east of Carlsbad, project facilities include disposal rooms excavated in an ancient, stable salt formation 2,150 feet (almost one-half mile) underground. Waste disposal operations began at WIPP March 26, 1999.

Transuranic waste consists of clothing, tools, rags, debris, residues, and other disposable items contaminated with radioactive elements, mostly plutonium.

For more information about WIPP, call 1-800-336-9477, or visit the WIPP Web site at <http://www.wipp.ws>.

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