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Photo of Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Officials Visiting Carlsbad for WIPP Training

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Photo caption: Two Shoshone-Bannock Tribes (SBT) officials are visiting the Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) and Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad, New Mexico, June 12-13, 2012, for emergency response training provided by WIPP. They were greeted on arrival at the CBFO, which has a cooperative agreement with the SBT, in-town offices and paused for a photo. From left to right are: CBFO National Transuranic (TRU) Program (NTP) Institutional Affairs Manager Bill Mackie; Washington TRU Solutions LLC, the WIPP management and operating contractor, President and General Manager Farok Sharif; SBT Public Affairs Manager Randy'L Teton; SBT Executive Director Angelo Gonzales; and CBFO NTP Director J.R. Stroble. The SBT are located on the Fort Hall Reservation in Southeastern Idaho.

The WIPP training they are receiving includes preparing for emergency situations on the reservation that may require activating the emergency operations center and needs to inform the public. Since 1988, through the WIPP States and Tribal Education Program, more than 31,000 emergency response professionals along WIPP routes have been trained. Since opening in 1999, WIPP drivers have logged more than 12.6 million safe loaded miles without a serious accident or injury.

Of special note, Teton is the woman whose image is used on the Sacagawea, the Shoshone woman who was the guide and interpreter for the Lewis and Clark expedition, U.S. dollar coin, first minted in 2000.

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