PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

On Three Proposed Modifications to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

WHO: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office and Washington TRU Solutions LLC (WTS).

WHAT: DOE and WTS will conduct public meetings to provide information on the following requested permit modifications to the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit). There will be a 60-day public comment period beginning on January 13, 2010.

WHEN:	Tuesday, February 23, 2010 5 – 6 p.m.	Thursday, February 25, 2010 2 – 4 p.m. & 6 – 8 p.m.
WHERE:	Skeen-Whitlock Building 4021 National Parks Highway Carlsbad, New Mexico	Courtyard by Marriott 3347 Cerrillos Road Santa Fe, New Mexico

WHY: On January 7, 2010, DOE submitted three Class 2 permit modification requests to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED).

1. The first proposed modification request is to clarify language regarding the liquid prohibition in the Permit.
2. The second proposed modification request is to clarify the use of the visual examination method to characterize waste.
3. The third proposed modification request is to clarify requirements regarding nonconformance reports.

HOW: To obtain additional information about this permit modification request, contact Mr. Bobby St. John, WTS, at 1-800-336-9477. The permit modification is also available on the WIPP web site at http://www.wipp.energy.gov and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, N.M. A copy of the requested permit modification also may be obtained from NMED at the address listed below.

COMMENTS: Written comments for the record must be sent to the NMED contact person at the address below and received no later than 5 p.m. on March 15, 2010:

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The Permittees' compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from Mr. Steve Zappe at the New Mexico Environment Department.

QUESTIONS: Any questions or comments to the Permitees regarding this permit modification may be sent to Mr. Bobby St. John, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, N.M. 88221, no later than March 1, 2010.