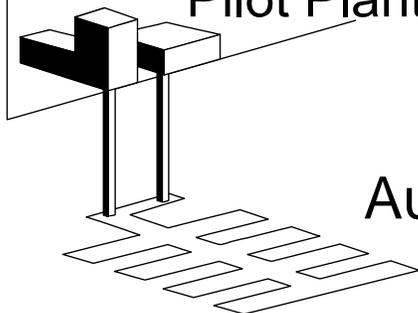


Waste Isolation Pilot Plant



DOE Requests Temporary Authorization for Permit Modification

The U.S. Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office (DOE) and Washington TRU Solutions LLC (WTS) submitted a request for a temporary authorization (TA) to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on March 29, 2010. The temporary authorization request is to allow the Permittees to implement the provisions of a Class 2 permit modification request submitted to the NMED on March 29, 2010. The permit modification request proposes to revise Table IV.F.2.c, Concentrations of Concern for the following organic compounds:

- Carbon tetrachloride
- Chloroform
- Methylene chloride
- 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane

The activity requested to be conducted under this TA is use of the concentrations of concern proposed in the Class 2 permit modification request.

The TA is needed to prevent disruption of ongoing waste management activities at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).

The Temporary Authorization request also contains documentation demonstrating that granting the request will not compromise WIPP's ability to protect human health or the environment and that the facility can remain in compliance with the permit and the regulations.

For more information contact the WIPP Information Center at 1-800-336-WIPP (9477). You also may visit the WIPP Home Page at <http://www.wipp.energy.gov>.