

Pre-Application Meetings

Waste Isolation Pilot Plant



February 10, 2009

5 to 7 p.m.

WIPP Information Center

Skeen-Whitlock Building

4021 National Parks Highway

Carlsbad, New Mexico

February 12, 2009

2 to 4 p.m.

6 to 8 p.m.

Courtyard by Marriott

3347 Cerrillos Road

Santa Fe, New Mexico

The U.S. Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Washington TRU Solutions (co-permittees) are hosting pre-application meetings regarding the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (HWFP) renewal application for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).

This notice is to inform the public of the pre-application meeting for the WIPP HWFP Renewal Application, as required by the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations. The purpose of the pre-application meetings for the WIPP HWFP Renewal Application is to inform stakeholders of the proposed hazardous waste management activities and to solicit questions. The radioactive components of WIPP waste are regulated separately by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The effective term for the WIPP HWFP is ten years. At least 180-days before the expiration of the current permit (November 26, 2009), the Permittees must reapply for a permit. The Renewal Application must be submitted to NMED no later than May 30, 2009.

The WIPP facility, located 30 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico, is designed for permanent disposal of defense-generated transuranic waste, the byproduct of nuclear weapons research and production. WIPP is permitted to dispose this type of waste only. Project facilities include disposal rooms excavated 2,150 feet underground in a stable salt formation.

To obtain information regarding the reapplication or about WIPP operations, contact Mr. Bobby St. John at 1-800-336-9477. The draft renewal application submittal may also be viewed on the WIPP web site, <http://www.wipp.energy.gov>, and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Persons requiring special assistance to participate in these meetings may also contact Mr. St. John at the telephone number above at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.