

# PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS



## On a Proposed Modification 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 modification. There will be a 60-day public comment period beginning on January 15, 2004.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 17, 2004  
5 – 7 p.m. Thursday, February 19, 2004  
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 12, 2004, DOE submitted the following Class 3 permit modification request to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED).

**Revisions to Current WIPP Waste Analysis Plan (Class 3)**—This proposed modification request will allow WIPP to comply with Public Law 108-137, which was signed on December 1, 2003. Specifically, this modification will address confirmation methods used to ensure that waste shipped from the generator sites is acceptable at the WIPP site. The monitoring of volatile organic compounds will also be revised. These compounds will now be monitored in each underground disposal room in which waste has been emplaced until that specific disposal panel has been closed.

**HOW:** To obtain additional information concerning 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.ws> and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, New Mexico. A copy of the requested permit modification also may be obtained from NMED at the address listed below.

**COMMENT:** 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, 2004:

Mr. Steve Zappe  
New Mexico Environment Department  
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1  
Santa Fe, NM 87505  
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The Permittees' compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from Mr. Steve Zappe at NMED.

**QUESTION:** Any questions or comments for the Permittees regarding this permit modification may be sent to Mr. Bobby St. John, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM 88221, no later than March 8, 2004.