

# PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS



## On a Requested 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 permit modification request to the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit.

**WHEN:**

**WHERE:** Tuesday, October 25, 2011  
5 – 6 p.m.  
Skeen-Whitlock Building  
4021 National Parks Highway  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

Thursday, October 27, 2011  
2 – 4 p.m. & 6 – 8 p.m.  
Courtyard by Marriott  
3347 Cerrillos Road  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

**WHY:**

On September 30, 2011, DOE submitted three Class 2 permit modification requests to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The permit modification requests propose to:

### 1. Revise the WIPP Groundwater Detection Monitoring Program Plan

This modification request is being submitted in accordance with the Groundwater Permit Modification Work Plan as approved by NMED on August 5, 2011. The requested change updates the WIPP Groundwater Monitoring Plan and clarifies Permit language.

### 2. Update Ventilation Language

The proposed changes will reduce the risk to workers in the underground by allowing them to use the shortest travel path to access ventilation control points thereby minimizing the time spent in the disposal area exhaust air stream. Additionally, it proposes to change a 7-day notification to annual reporting when the Permittees fail to achieve the required ventilation rates.

### 3. Add a gamma-shielded container for use at WIPP

This request is to add an additional container to the list of approved containers for disposal at WIPP. The container will allow the Permittees to handle waste that is packaged in a gamma-shielded container.

#### 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 December 5, 2011:

Mr. Tim Hall  
New Mexico Environment Department  
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1  
Santa Fe, N.M. 87505  
Phone: 505-476-6049  
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#### QUESTIONS:

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

Any questions or comments to the Permittees regarding this permit modification may be sent to Mr. Bobby St. John, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, N.M. 88221, no later than November 28, 2011.

#### WIPP Permit Community Relations Plan

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