

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS



On a Proposed Modification to the Training Program in 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 to the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (HWFP). There will be a 60-day public comment period beginning on December 21, 2008.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, January 20, 2009 5 – 7 p.m. Thursday, January 22, 2009 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 December 17, 2008, DOE submitted a Class 2 permit modification request to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) requesting changes to the WIPP Training Program. These proposed changes will provide operational efficiencies while continuing to ensure the safety of the employees, public and environment.

The proposed modification will revise the WIPP HWFP Personnel Training Program (Attachment H). Below is a summary of the proposed changes:

- Remove two Attachments from the HWFP. These are *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Hazardous Waste Management Job Titles and Descriptions* (Attachment H1) and the *Training Course and Qualification/Certification Card Outlines* (Attachment H2) from the HWFP. These Attachments provide details about the Training Program that is best maintained in facility files and not in the Permit
- Remove job descriptions that are not related to hazardous waste management and emergency response, and detailed training information. The information being removed is not normally contained in Permits and can be more efficiently maintained in the facility files
- Revise the current HWFP Training program with an updated version and move detailed information from the HWFP (e.g., job descriptions, job qualifications and written description of the type and amount of training) to facility files. Maintaining this information in facility files provides the Permittees the flexibility to update training to include better methods and updated information without having to change the Permit.
- Remove some job descriptions and training classes from regulation under the HWFP. These descriptions and classes are not directly related to the management of hazardous waste or emergency response and therefore are not typically included in Permits.

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 February 23, 2009:

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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 Permittees regarding this permit modification may be sent to Mr. Bobby St. John, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM 88221.