

# 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. There will be a 60-day public comment period beginning on January 17, 2011.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, February 8, 2011  
5 – 6 p.m. Thursday, February 10, 2011  
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 10, 2011, DOE submitted a Class 2 permit modification request to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The proposed modification is requesting that the items listed below be added to the WIPP Permit for use at the site.
- Allow for the receipt of the TRUPACT-III shipping package at the WIPP facility. This package is a Nuclear Regulatory Commission certified Type B package as required for transporting transuranic (TRU) waste to the WIPP facility. It is designed to transport TRU waste in a large container known as the Standard Large Box 2 (SLB2).
  - Add the SLB2 as an approved storage and disposal container at the WIPP facility. This container is necessary to accommodate items that exceed the volume capacity of existing approved TRU waste containers.
  - Add Airlock 107 and Room 108 as part of the Contact-Handled Bay. These additional areas are necessary to manage TRUPACT-III and will increase the size of the CH Bay by 6,156 square feet. This increase in size does not include an increase in the amount of storage capacity for TRU waste in the CH Bay.
  - Add equipment for handling TRUPACT-III and the SLB2. The equipment will consist of an automated yard transfer vehicle, payload transfer station, bolting robot and vent hood. The yard transfer vehicle will be used to move the TRUPACT-III from the parking area unit into Room 108 inside the CH Bay. Additionally, a payload transfer station, bolting robot and vent hood will be added to the permit to facilitate the removal of the SLB2 from the TRUPACT-III.
- HOW:** Additional information about this permit modification request can be obtained from Mr. Bobby St. John, WTS, at 1-800-336-9477. The permit modification is also available in the Information Repository located on the WIPP web site at [www.wipp.energy.gov](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 March 17, 2011:
- Mr. Steve Zappe  
New Mexico Environment Department  
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1  
Santa Fe, N.M. 87505  
Phone: 505-476-6051  
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E-mail: [steve.zappe@state.nm.us](mailto:steve.zappe@state.nm.us)
- 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, N.M. 88221, no later than March 10, 2011.