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Backup Power Installed for WIPP EOC

The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's (WIPP) Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will soon have guaranteed operation in the event of a power outage. A 1,250-kilowatt diesel generator is being installed at the Skeen-Whitlock Building, the location of the EOC. The generator is designed to automatically start when a disruption in power is detected. While the primary purpose of the generator is to ensure emergency response capabilities for the EOC in the event of a power loss, the generator will also power the entire building. It will allow the building to function as normal, including heating and cooling. WIPP continues to focus on improving emergency response capabilities, to protect employees, human health and the environment.

A section of the generator is placed and aligned for installation.

The new EOC was recently constructed at the Skeen-Whitlock Building, located within the city of Carlsbad, NM. Approximately 4,000 square feet of the building was remodeled to accommodate the necessary changes in order to install the state-of-the-art communications facility. The physical changes include a primary EOC area, Emergency Management Support area and several contingency rooms. Other key upgrades include a number of software enhancements, installation of numerous computers, wall-mounted monitors and interactive boards.

Date for Next WIPP Town Hall Meeting - August 4

The City of Carlsbad and DOE co-host Town Hall meetings to provide updates on WIPP restart activities. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, at 5:30 p.m. Location: Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 101 N. Halagueno Street. WIPP Town Hall Meetings are live streamed at http://new.livestream.com/rrv/.