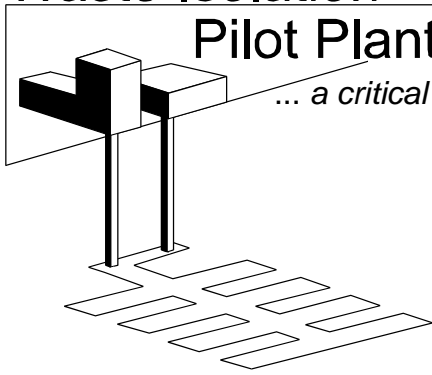


# Waste Isolation

## Pilot Plant

*... a critical step toward solving the nation's nuclear waste disposal problem*



# Carlsbad Field Office

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) created the Carlsbad Area Office in late 1993 to lead the nation's transuranic waste disposal efforts. In September 2000 the office was elevated in status to become the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO), taking on significant new responsibilities. These include protecting the environment along the U.S. - Mexico border and serving as an international center for the study of waste management. The CBFO coordinates the transuranic program at waste-generating sites, national laboratories, and other participants involved in developing the permanent disposal of this man-made radioactive waste.

The stages of managing transuranic waste extend from cradle to grave, meaning from time of generation to disposal. Management may include treatment, storage, transportation, and disposal. Only waste that meets established rules will be disposed of at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).

With offices in Carlsbad, New Mexico, the CBFO manages the DOE's National TRU Program Office and the WIPP program. TRU is short for "transuranic," the kind of radioactive waste that is to be disposed of at the plant. For program and policy direction, the CBFO manager reports to the DOE Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management in Washington, D.C. The CBFO manager receives administrative support from the DOE's Albuquerque Operations Office.

Program and policy management includes:

- Providing a focal point for all matters related to transuranic waste management in the country.
- Giving all interested populace a chance to participate in DOE decision making pertaining to the national transuranic waste program.

Organizational components of the CBFO include administration, public affairs, compliance, experimental programs, the WIPP site, and the National Transuranic Program Office. The National Transuranic Program Office manages strategic planning to track, measure, and report integration of the nation's transuranic waste management activities.



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