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DOE Extends Management and Operations Contract at Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

Carlsbad, NM. – The U.S. Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) today announced a two-year extension of the Washington TRU Solutions LLC management and operations (M&O) contract.

As the WIPP M&O contractor, Washington TRU Solutions is responsible for managing the National Transuranic (TRU) Waste Program, which includes retrieval, characterization, transportation, and disposal activities at sites throughout the complex. The contract also identifies the objectives associated with the disposal, management, integration, and operation of the WIPP

The WIPP site is a deep geologic repository mined in salt and is the final disposal destination for 6.2 million cubic feet of stored and newly generated TRU waste from generator sites around the country. WIPP's mission is to safely characterize, transport, and dispose of radioactive waste resulting from defense activities.

The Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) is responsible for ensuring safe and efficient characterization and certification of TRU waste at DOE sites; transportation activities associated with TRU waste; and management and operations at WIPP in accordance with applicable quality assurance, safety, nuclear safety, health, security, DOE orders, environmental standards, laws, and regulations.