



Carlsbad Area Office

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Information and Involvement Opportunities
April 2000

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April 5 -- WIPP Exhibit, Tenth Annual Environmental Design Contest, Waste-management Education and Research Consortium, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

More information: Sue Johns (505) 234-7230

April 10 -- WIPP Exhibit, National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference, Reno, Nevada.

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April 10-11 -- WIPP Exhibit, U.S. Department of Energy Science and Technology Exhibit, Washington, DC.

More information: Sue Countiss (505) 234-7432

April 17-20 -- WIPP Exhibit, Applied Research Development and Deployment Cleanup Technology Colloquium, Scottsdale, Arizona.

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May 2000

May 4 -- 70th WIPP Quarterly Review, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

More information: Patricia Kilgore (505) 234-7302

May 9-10 -- National Academy of Sciences Meeting, Pecos River Village Conference Center, Carlsbad, New Mexico

More information: Beth Bennington (505) 234-7482

June 2000

June 12-14 -- Workshop on the Next Generation U.S. Underground Science Facility, Pecos River Village Conference Center, 711 Muscatel, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

More information: Patsy Florez (505) 234-3115

Monthly WIPP Shipment Summary

(Projected as of press time)

Last month: 3

This year: 3

Total received: 47

Projected this month: 5



Note: Interest in WIPP tours is high. Citizens interested in touring the WIPP are encouraged to call the 1-800-336-WIPP (1-800-336-9477) four weeks in advance to make tour arrangements.

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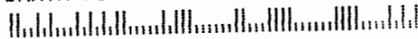
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April 2000

**Shipments to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant resume
 after regulatory requirements met**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) safely resumed shipments of transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) on March 11. This marked the 45th shipment since the WIPP opened in March 1999, but was only the first shipment received this year.

The temporary delay of shipments was to ensure compliance with the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issued in October 1999. The NMED approved the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site audit report, which meant the site was in compliance with the hazardous waste permit and shipments could resume.

Although the permit allows the DOE to ship mixed waste, the shipment from Rocky Flats contained only non-mixed waste. Mixed waste to be disposed of at the WIPP contains transuranic radioactive waste that is "mixed" with hazardous constituents. The first shipment of mixed waste is expected later this year.

This was the first shipment to use a newly constructed relief route around the city of Carlsbad. Previous shipments traveled through downtown Carlsbad en route to the WIPP.

As many as five waste shipments are expected to arrive at the WIPP in April 2000.