State Regulators Tour as 100th Shipment Arrives

(Above) WIPP receives its 100th waste shipment October 18, 2000, from Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (Colorado).

(Center left) Regulators John Owsley (TN), Bill Kristin (TN), Charlie Burroughs (TN), William Fetner (NM), Steve Zappe (NM), Max Power (WA), Fred Jamison (WA), and Steve Holmes (NM) view the Remote-Handled (RH) Waste Bay from the mezzanine. The bay is being modified to accept RH waste shipments planned for 2002.

(Center right) A remote-handled waste training canister is used for simulated waste receipt activities.

(Bottom left) Regulators get a firsthand look at the WIPP hot cell where future RH waste will be transferred from shipping cask to facility cask.

(Bottom right) Regulators from New Mexico, Tennessee, and Washington listen while WIPP personnel explain Central Monitoring Room functions.
(Right) State regulators board the salt shaft conveyance that descends 2,150 feet into the WIPP underground.
(Below) Riding on underground carts, regulators pass by the Colorado Room.

(Middle center) Bob Kehrman, Westinghouse, explains how rock salt creeps or closes in to permanently isolate the waste.

(Above) Steve Holmes, William Fetner, and Steve Zappe examine roofbolts that support the WIPP ceiling, or back, in the WIPP underground.

(Left) Visitors compare rock salt specimens.
(Below) Holmes, Zappe and Kehrman observe the naturally occurring orange marker band found throughout the mine.
Visitors take a closer look at a borehole in the waste disposal area at WIPP.

Steve Zappe of the New Mexico Environment Department pauses for a photo in the WIPP underground.