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**FAX COVER SHEET**

Date: February 14, 2001  
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From: Steve Zappe  
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**COMMENTS**

Kelli -

Attached is a marked up copy of the notice for the facility work plan. I believe my comments are self explanatory.

The display ad for public information meeting also looks good. Therefore, I don't believe a transmittal letter pointing out the addition of another meeting is necessary.

I concur that both items can be combined into one mailing to the facility mailing list.

Call with questions.

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**THIS NOTICE WILL BE PRINTED OUT ON DOE LETTER HEAD**

**SUBMITTAL OF THE ANNUAL MODIFICATION TO THE WIPP FACILITY WORK PLAN FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS AND AREAS OF CONCERN**

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will be submitting the annual modification of the *WIPP Facility Work Plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern* to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Hazardous <sup>waste</sup> and Radioactive Materials Bureau on February 23, 2001. The WIPP Facility Work Plan will be available on February 23, 2001, for public review at the information repositories listed below:

New Mexico State Library  
1209 Camino Carlos Rey  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm

University of New Mexico  
General Library  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131-1466

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am-12:00 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am-9:00 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am-6:00 pm  
Sunday: 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Skeen-Whitlock Building  
WIPP Information Center  
4021 National Parks Highway  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Monday-Friday: 7:00 am – 4:30 pm

This notice fulfills requirements contained in Module VII.D.4 of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Permit: "On or before five (5) calendar days prior to the due date of each submittal required by Module VII, the DOE shall mail a notice to each individual, specified in Permit Condition VII.D.2.a, indicating the date the respective submittal will be made available for public review at the repositories."

As required by the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, the DOE will place copies of all completed documents related to corrective action activities in the information repositories. These documents will include correspondence, progress reports, work plans, reports, and other documents deemed appropriate by the NMED Secretary. Each document placed in the repository will include the date of submittal to the repository. The documents will be placed in the repositories on or before the date the submittal is due to the NMED Secretary.

Written comments concerning the WIPP Facility Work Plan should be forwarded to the NMED representative, at the address provided below, by March 12, 2001. Individuals wishing to be included on the facility mailing list must submit a written request either to the NMED Secretary <sup>representative</sup> or to the DOE at the address in the letterhead above. The address for the NMED Secretary is: <sup>waste</sup> Hazardous Waste Permits Program Manager, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department, P.O. Box 20110, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0110.

Mr. Steve Zippe →

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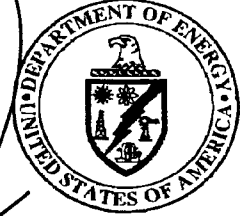
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*This looks good to me.*  
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## Public Information Meetings

*(Additional meeting planned for Santa Fe)*



### On Requested Class 2 Modifications To the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit For the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

March 6, 2001  
6-8 p.m.  
WIPP Information Center  
Skeen-Whitlock Building  
4021 National Parks Highway  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

March 8, 2001  
3-5 p.m.  
6-8 p.m.  
Courtyard by Marriott  
3347 Cerrillos Road  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

The U.S. Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office is  
hosting public meetings to:

hosting public

1. Provide information to the public concerning requested Class 2 modifications to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.
2. Explain the process for submitting comments.
3. Provide a forum for an exchange of views among the public, the facility's owner (U.S. Department of Energy), the management and operating contractor (Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC), and the regulatory agency (New Mexico Environment Department).

In its request, DOE proposes to modify requirements for the method that is used as a quality control check of radiography. Currently, visual examination is the method by which the results of radiography are verified. It requires workers to physically open a percentage of drums and visually inspect the contents resulting in increased potential for exposure. The changes proposed to the permit will allow alternative methods of examination. The alternative method proposed involves using Digital Radiography/Computed Tomography. This technology allows verification of waste contents without having to physically open drums, thus protecting workers, public health, and the environment, while still complying with all of the permit requirements.

To obtain information about the Class 2 Permit Modifications, contact Bobby St. John at the WIPP Information Center, 1-800-336-9477. The permit modifications are also available on the WIPP homepage <http://www.wipp.carlsbad.nm.us> and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

#### Send written comments to:

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Comment period begins: January 31, 2001  
Comment period ends: April 2, 2001  
The permittee's compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the Agency contact person (Mr. Steve Zappe).