Public Information Meetings

On Proposed Class 3 Modification To the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit For the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

July 17, 2001
3 to 5 p.m.
6 to 8 p.m.
WIPP Information Center
Skeen-Whitlock Building
4021 National Parks Highway
Carlsbad, New Mexico

July 18, 2001
3 to 5 p.m.
6 to 8 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Albuquerque
330 Tijeras NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico

July 19, 2001
3 to 5 p.m.
6 to 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:

• Provide information to the public concerning the requested Class 3 modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).
• Explain the process for submitting comments.
• 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).

DOE is proposing a permit modification to allow for a centralized waste confirmation facility at WIPP. This permit modification consists of four main parts: allowing waste confirmation activities to be performed at WIPP, increasing temporary storage area and capacity in existing buildings at WIPP, increasing length of storage time, and managing prohibited items. The proposed changes are necessary to aid in the cleanup of DOE sites around the country.

Send written comments to:
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Original display ad posted on: June 13, 2001
Comment period begins: June 13, 2001
Comment period ends: August 13, 2001

The permittees' compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the Agency contact person (Mr. Steve Zappe).

Comments to the permittees relative to this permit modification should be submitted to Mr. Bobby St. John, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM 88221, by August 6, 2001.