

Permit Modifications



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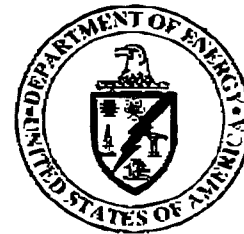
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MESSAGE: *To BE RELEASED THURSDAY. ← 8/15/02*
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Comment Period Extended



On Proposed Class 2 and Class 3 Permit Modification Requests to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

On June 28, 2002, the U.S. Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) and Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC (WTS) submitted seven Class 2 permit modification requests to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). At the time of submittal, CBFO requested NMED determine the classification for two of the requests (Improving Data Management and Addition of a New Hazardous Waste Number). NMED classified the Addition of a New Hazardous Waste Number as a Class 2 request and Improving Data Management as a Class 3 request.

At the request of interested parties and as agreed to by CBFO, NMED has extended the public comment period for an additional 30 days. The new comment period will last until **October 3, 2002**. This extended comment period applies to the following permit modification requests:

- Improving Data Management to Streamline the Disposal of Transuranic Waste
- Characterizing Repackaged Homogenous Solids as Retrievably Stored Waste
- Use of Radiography for Newly Generated Waste
- Addition of HalfPACT Shipping Container
- Addition of a New Hazardous Waste Number
- Record Keeping and Auditing for Classified Information
- Addition of New Waste Containers

To obtain information about the permit modifications, contact Mr. Bobby St. John, WTS, at the WIPP Information Center, 1-800-336-9477. The permit modifications are also available on the WIPP Web site, <http://www.wipp.ws>, and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Written comments for the record must be sent to the NMED contact person at the address below and received no later than 5 p.m. on October 3, 2002.

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The permittees' compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from Mr. Steve Zappe at NMED.

If you have questions or comments regarding these permit modifications and wish to have them addressed by the Permittees, they may be sent to Mr. Bobby St. John, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM 88221, no later than September 25, 2002.