



**Department of Energy**  
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**~NOTICE~**

**Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Notification**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office and Washington TRU Solutions LLC hereby notify you of the following notice concerning the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (HWFP), Permit Number: NM4890139088-TSDF.

The following notice to begin mining a new waste disposal panel was submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on the date indicated below. Included with the notice is a summary.

**December 21, 2004 (Notice)**

The permittees will begin mining activities for the Panel 4 waste disposal unit on or about January 25, 2005. These activities are necessary to accommodate the increased shipping schedule planned for 2005. This will provide the permittees adequate time to complete and certify Panel 4 prior to the closure of the current waste disposal panel.

