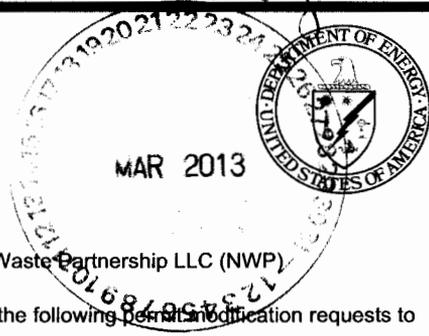


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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

On Requested Modifications to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant



WHO: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (NWP)
WHAT: DOE and NWP will conduct public meetings to provide information on the following permit modification requests to the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 3 – 5 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2013 5 – 6 p.m.

WHERE: Courtyard by Marriott 3347 Cerrillos Road Santa Fe, New Mexico Skeen-Whitlock Building 4021 National Parks Highway Carlsbad, New Mexico

WHY: On March 18, 2013, DOE submitted a Class 3 permit modification request package to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). This package consists of three major modifications. The permit modification requests are as follows and propose to:

1. **Modify the WIPP Panel Closure System Design**
This request includes the following items:
 - Revise the panel closure system design and design requirements
 - Delete the Hydrogen and Methane Monitoring Plan
2. **Repository Reconfiguration of Panels 9 and 10**
This request includes the following items:
 - Revise the location of Panels 9 and 10 in the WIPP repository and redesignate them as panels 9A and 10A
 - Authorize the construction and use of the replacement panels
3. **Revise the Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Target Analyte List and Other Changes to the VOC Monitoring Program**
This request includes the following items:
 - Update the VOC target analytes for VOC monitoring programs
 - Revise how compliance with environmental performance standards are calculated and establish alternative remedial actions
 - Establish new room-based action levels
 - Eliminate sampling and reporting requirements for rooms that are not adjacent to a filled room
 - Update the VOC Monitoring Program

HOW: To obtain additional information about these permit modification requests, contact Mr. Bobby St. John, NWP, at 1-800-336-9477. The permit modification requests are also available on the WIPP web site at <http://www.wipp.energy.gov> and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, N.M. A copy of the requested permit modifications can also be obtained from NMED at the address listed below.

COMMENTS: 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 May 20, 2013:
Ms. Trais Kliphuis
New Mexico Environment Department
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, N.M. 87505
Phone: 505-476-6051
Fax: 505-476-6060
E-mail: trais.kliphuis@state.nm.us

The Permittees' compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from Ms. Kliphuis at NMED.

QUESTIONS: Any questions or comments to the Permittees regarding these requested permit modifications can be sent to Mr. Bobby St. John, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, N.M. 88221, no later than May 13, 2013.

WIPP Permit Community Relations Plan

On-line: <http://www.wipp.energy.gov> / toll-free: 1-866-271-9640 / e-mail: communityrelations@wipp.ws

