



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



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SUBJECT: Notes From DOE and NWP Meeting of Thursday, April 18, 2013 on the WIPP Permit Modification Request, Class 3 (Repository Reconfiguration of Panels 9 and 10, Modification to the WIPP Panel Closure, and Revision of Volatile Organic Compound [VOC] Target Analyte List and Other Changes in the VOC Monitoring Program)

There were several WIPP personnel present at the meeting. There was also fifteen others not employed by DOE and NWP. Four people asked questions after the presentation; Russell Hardy, David Sepich, Kathy Brown, and Norbert Remke asked questions for about half an hour.

After Bob Kehrman finished the presentation to the public, Anthony Stone asked if there were any questions.

The first to speak was Russell Hardy, Director of the Carlsbad Environmental Monitoring and Research Center (CEMRC) of the New Mexico State University asked:

Because of the fact that the other PMR for the elimination of headspace gas and solids sampling and analysis can lead to the presence unknown chemicals in the waste, how can you be sure that the workers will not exposed to the chemicals in this monitoring reductions?

Bob Kehrman responded:

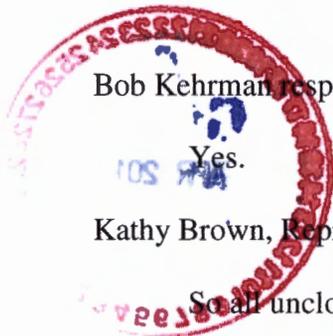
In 2006, the US Congress stated to reduce headspace gas and solids sampling and analysis and to increase monitoring, which we did. If we see new VOCs and SVOCs, then we will add the TICs to waste. We also take area air monitoring for workers.

The second speaker was David Sepich, former President of the Carlsbad Department of Development added to the response:

So, if they still target the six VOCs, but in the analysis, if a new chemical shows up frequently, then you would add it to the existing target list. Is that right?

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Bob Kehrman responded:

Yes.

Kathy Brown, Representative of Eddy County, District 55 asked:

So all unclosed panels have to be closed by 2016. Is that right?

Bob Kehrman responded:

Yes.

Kathy Brown asked:

You are still planning on pulling samples of the closed panels. So why add new chemicals to the list?

Bob Kehrman:

EPA has asked and we will give updates to them as long as we can still sample. You see, many sample lines can be put out of service because of the salt creeping.

Kathy Brown asked:

Panel closings in the manner that you want will cost less. So it would rosy up the budget. Is that right?

Bob Kehrman responded:

Yea.

Norbert Remke, a former Westinghouse and URS geophysicist asked:

Since NMED has no expertise in mining, how can they have a say in the addition of panels and panel closure?

Bob Kehrman responded:

NMED has consultants that assist them in that decision making.

Norbert Remke remarked:

Changes in Panel 1 closed early. So to put Panels 9 and 10 might be regrettable And the additional Panels may have the same problem that Panel 1 did. When I worked for Westinghouse, my team discovered that Panel 1 was experiencing the

loss of the horizon or floor. DOE then ceased further excavation and closed Panel 1.

I would suggest that we extend panels four and five to replace the idea of adding 9 and 10. I know the geology down there. If you place Panels 9 and 10 where you want it, the footprint horizon will occur in those panels just like it did in Panel 1.

There were no further questions.