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From: Maestas, Ricardo, NMENV
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WIPP file

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From: LucasKamat, Susan, NMENV
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Jonathan,

I wanted to follow up our phone conversation from this morning with my contact information.

Direct Phone: (505) 845-5933

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Alternate Phone in Albuquerque: (505) 845-5823 (Ms. Mia Ortiz, Sandia Oversight admin)

Alternate Phone in Carlsbad: (575) 885-9023 ext 117 (Ms. Krissie Carrasco, Carlsbad/WIPP Oversight admin)

The DOE Oversight Bureau currently has two (2) vacant offices at our Carlsbad location at 406 North Guadalupe Street. Both offices have NMED-networked computers that are available for use. I want to extend the use of the Bureau office space and associated resources (printer, kitchen, lab area, sample storage) to you and any other EPA/OAR staff during your up-coming visit(s) to Carlsbad. Please contact Ms. Carrasco to arrange access.

The current monitoring activities at WIPP focus on the exhaust air and direct penetrating radiation. Details of these programs are provided below.

- The exhaust air filters are normally collected daily at Station A (primary and back-up) and weekly at Station B. We have been notified by CEMRC that the Station A and B filters are currently being collected every 8-10 hours. The normal monitoring protocol for filter analysis calls for them to be composited by month and shipped quarterly to an independent contract laboratory. The February filters are scheduled to be shipped to our contract laboratory the first week of April. It takes approximately 45 days for the contract lab to digest and analyze the samples. We then have a 30-day period for validation and review before the data can be released. As a result of the recent events, and because the filters are destructively consumed during the laboratory analysis, the Oversight Bureau may modify our protocol to optimize the information that may be gleaned from the analysis.
- Twenty (20) direct penetrating radiation (DPR) monitoring stations are located in the Carlsbad region: fourteen within the Exclusive Use Area and six off-site in Carlsbad, Loving and Malaga. Measurements are collected quarterly, with the last measurement collection in early January. The next scheduled collection is in March.



We also have the capability for ambient air monitoring at WIPP and the vicinity. The DOE Oversight Bureau is offering the use of these resources and equipment to EPA.

- Ambient air monitoring at on- and off-site locations had been temporarily suspended due to turn-over in technical staff at the Carlsbad office. This equipment is still deployed (Salt Shaft, Southeast Control, Met Tower, Met Tower duplicate and Far Field), and the monitoring program will be bought back on-line when the environmental scientist position at the Carlsbad office is filled.
- The Bureau has two (2) stand-alone, solar-powered, low-volume, particulates-in-air monitoring stations. These trailer-mounted units are mobile and their location can be optimized without regard to external power source. The mobile units are currently at our Los Alamos office and are being prepared for possible deployment.

My next scheduled trip to Carlsbad is March 24-28 to collect our quarterly direct penetrating radiation measurements and inventory the exhaust air filters for January/February. Depending on events and activities at WIPP, I may schedule additional trips down in February/March as needed.

Talk to you later. (And probably see you sometime soon down south.)
Hope your meeting this morning went well.

Regards,
Susan

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