

**Allen, Pam, NMENV**



**From:** Maestas, Ricardo, NMENV  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 26, 2014 2:33 PM  
**To:** Allen, Pam, NMENV  
**Subject:** FW: WIPP Information - For Call Today

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2014 5:11 PM  
**To:** Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV; Kendall, Jeff, NMENV  
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Thank you, Trais.

Ryan Flynn  
Secretary  
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Your concerns are valid. The HEPA tests that LANL performed should show how well they are working. If they start to clog up, the differential pressure will rise and indicate they need changing. On the call they said they are working well but I want to see the report. I will forward it as soon as I get it.

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By the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>, it will have been nearly 8 weeks since the event occurred and they still have not identified what caused the event. I am growing very frustrated with how long this is taking.

With respect to the HEPA filters, I am wondering why they do not have at least one "back up" set of filters. It seems like the filtration system is the only thing protecting us from a radiation release in the underground. I am wondering how well the filters are performing right now? How long will the filters continue to perform effectively? When should they be changed? Are these concerns valid?

-Ryan

Ryan Flynn  
Secretary



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**From:** Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV  
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Attached are the tables for the station A and B data, action item listing, a map of the Phase 2b, VOC data, Response to NMED question RCRA permit compliance at WCS, Activity 1 entry and graphs showing the performance of the filtration system.

Below is a summary of the discussion points for today: (Please note, activities and dates are subject to change. Please verify the most current dates of any information provided).

- Work has been paused on installation of the vacuum break in the duct; questions are being addressed dealing with design specifications. (No change)
- Station A and B Sampling: A CAM was installed at Station B and is operating. Connection to the Central Monitoring planned for Friday. The CAM will be operated until 4/7 in a test mode prior to allowing repopulation of the site. Discussions are underway regarding the safety basis strategy for the CAM utilization. (No change)
- SS and AIS Shaft/Rope Inspections: The MSHA compliance inspections of the AIS and SS have been completed. No air or radiological issues were identified. These inspections will continue weekly.
- Initial Manned Re-entry of U/G (Phase 2b, Activity 1): Eight personnel will enter the mine and survey the area between the SS and AIS. Personnel may not enter the mine past S700. Weekly shaft inspection on Monday. Entry is anticipated on 4/1. Pretty confident about this date.
- Establishment of Work Area in the Underground (Phase 2b, Activity 2): Follow-on manned entries will be made in the underground down to S1600 to establish staging areas, decontamination areas, set-up CAMs, test communication and safety equipment. These entries should occur next week. Likely hood that there will be daily presence in the mine.
- Contamination survey to the waste face (Phase 3): After the area between the shafts is surveyed, a team will enter the mine, perform initial characterization and attempt to identify the contamination source and location. The review of site Safety Management Plans and the implementation of compensatory measures to address critical weaknesses identified in the AIB reports, may impact this entry into or beyond the week of April 7.

- The aerosol test on the HEPA filters has been conducted. Both banks of HEPAs passed. We heard that the second did not pass....
- The unloading of the second TRUPACT 3 occurred yesterday afternoon. 11 other shipping containers were also unloaded. The unloading will be complete tonight barring any problems.
- Activities are continuing in preparation of waste storage at WCS. (No change)
- NWP is evaluating whether to resume salt sales to the small business. NWP will provide a recommendation and path forward to DOE later this week. (No change)
- AIB Report – still working on clarifying misstated and/or ambiguous statements
- NMED asked about HEPA filter testing and for records of the tests. They agreed to provide by COB today.

As a reminder, the call-in number is (866) 723-6758, code 8040901#

Thanks

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