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**From:** Maestas, Ricardo, NMENV  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 26, 2014 2:30 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: WIPP Information - For Call Today  
**Attachments:** 41-b-856 WHT dp Daily Averages\_3-27-14.pdf; 41-b-857 WHT dp Daily Averages\_3-27-14.pdf; 1300 Meeting Action Items 032614.xlsx; Station A and B Filter Readings for Public Release 3-27-14.xlsx; List for WCS.xlsx

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**Subject:** RE: WIPP Information - For Call Today

Attached are the tables for the station A and B data, action item listing, graphs showing the performance of the filtration system and listing of candidate containers for shipment to WCS.

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).

- Plans are being developed to initiate cleaning activities in the Waste Hoist Tower next week.
- 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 is being performed today. 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.
- 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 (Monday's). (No change)
- 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. Entry is anticipated on 4/1.



- 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. (No change)
- 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. (No change)
- The aerosol test on the HEPA filters has been conducted. Both banks of HEPAs passed. (No change)
- Unloading of all TRU waste packaging on the surface was completed late yesterday.
- 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 today.
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- No weekend calls – will send emails.
- Asking for an estimate for number of attendees from NMED and EPA for Phase 3.
- EPA questions about types of filters in air samplers – paper or glass fibers? They want to use the same kind.
- EPA would like to arrange conference call with EPA labs and WIPP labs to talk about lab procedures. Others (NMED included) are welcome to listen in. Berta Oaks(?) will set it up.
- NMED asked for reentry plans and HEPA test data and reports.

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

Thank you

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