Farok Sharif out as president of company that manages WIPP - Carlsbad Current-Argus

A leadership change has been made nearly a month after a radiation leak at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

Farok Sharif was demoted as president and project manager of Nuclear Waste Partnership, a company contracted by the Department of Energy to manage operations at WIPP, and replaced by Bob McQuinn.

The change in leadership was made internally late Wednesday amid preparations by NWP to inspect the salt shaft and air intake shaft this weekend as part of the re-entry inspection plan.

McQuinn has spent 35 years working in DOE nuclear and high hazard operations, including six years as the head of nuclear operations at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Sharif has been moved to project manager for the TRU Waste Program and will focus on finding temporary storage locations for waste currently at WIPP and around the country at other DOE cleanup sites while the facility remains closed.

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