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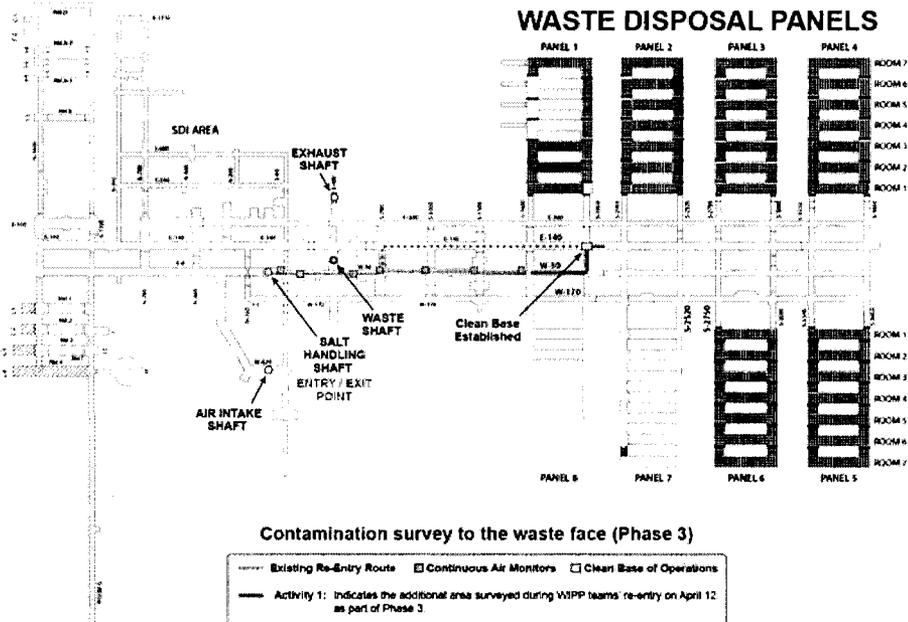
WIPP UPDATE: April 14, 2014

Phase 3 activities begin

Two teams re-entered the WIPP underground facility on Saturday, moving closer to suspected location of the February 14 contamination release. It was the third re-entry in two weeks.

The teams traveled farther into the mine than previous entries, evaluating ground conditions and checking for contamination. No contamination was detected and ground conditions were better than expected.

During Phase 3, WIPP employees will enter the mine several times as they work to locate and identify the source of the February 14 radiological release. For Saturday's entry, the teams used air respirators and appropriate protective clothing. For future entries, as team members continue to make their way farther into the underground facility, they will add additional protective clothing as needed.



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Community Meetings Scheduled

April 17 – Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway and DOE will co-host a weekly town hall meeting featuring updates on WIPP recovery activities. The meetings are held every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Location: Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 101 N. Halagueno Street. Live streaming of the weekly meetings can be seen at <http://new.livestream.com/rrv/>.