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Corrective action plans key for WIPP recovery effort

The Accident Investigation Board issued a report in March on the February 5 underground truck fire, which included 22 conclusions and 35 Judgments of Need. The report concluded the fire was the result of flammable fluids – hydraulic fluid or diesel fuel – coming into contact with a hot surface. Judgments of Need are specific issues or concerns that require corrective actions. Nuclear Waste Partnership (NWP) has submitted a Corrective Action Plan to the Carlsbad Field Office for review. They have also already begun to address some of the concerns raised in the report and upon approval of the plan, will identify a path forward for the remaining issues.

The Accident Investigation Board also issued an initial report related to the February 14 radiological event. NWP is working on a preliminary Corrective Action Plan to address the conclusions and Judgments of Need raised in this report.

Community Meetings Scheduled

May 29 – The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host its weekly meeting featuring updates on WIPP recovery activities. The meeting is scheduled 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/rvy/>.

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