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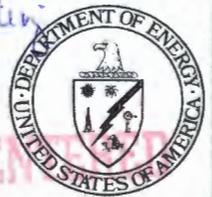
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Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit

Community Relations Plan

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WHO: The U.S. Department of Energy and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (the Permittees) are seeking public comments and suggestions to improve the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Community Relations Plan as part of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit Number: NM4890139088-TSDF) issued by the New Mexico Environment Department.

New Mexico residents, organizations, interest groups, federal, state and local government entities, tribal governments and tribal members are encouraged to provide comments or suggestions to the Permittees to enhance the Plan.

WHAT: The Community Relations Plan is designed to inform communities and interested members of the public about WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit activities and opportunities for public participation in those activities.

PLAN ELEMENTS:

Part 1, Section 1.15.2 of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit identifies six key elements of the Plan:

1. Establish working relationships with communities and interested members of the public.
2. Establish productive government to government relations between the U.S. Department of Energy and affected tribes and pueblos.
3. Inform communities and interested parties of permit activities.
4. Minimize disputes and resolve differences with communities and interested members of the public.
5. Provide timely responses to individual requests for information.
6. Establish mechanisms for communities and interested members of the public to provide feedback and input to the Permittees.

WHEN: The Permittees propose changes to the Plan which will be mailed to individuals on the WIPP Facility Mailing List by May 30, 2014, for comment. Proposed changes are available online at: <http://www.wipp.energy.gov/WIPPCommunityRelations/index.html>

HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS:

Contact the Permittees by e-mail, telephone or by mail to receive a copy of the updated WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Community Relations Plan and a comment form.

Comments and suggestions can be made online by accessing the Plan at: <http://www.wipp.energy.gov/WIPPCommunityRelations/index.html> and clicking on "Comments."

E-mail: communityrelations@wipp.ws

Toll free telephone number: 1-866-271-9640 – available during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. MST

Mailing address: Bobby St. John, Nuclear Waste Partnership, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM 88221

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The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Community Relations Plan is Currently Being Updated

The U.S. Department of Energy Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (the Permittees) are seeking public comments to improve the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Community Relations Plan (the Plan). The purpose of the Plan is to provide Permit-related information to communities and interested members of the public and to alert them to opportunities to participate in the Permit process.

The Permittees propose changes to the following sections of the Plan:

- Section 1.2 – Change word “to” to of
- Section 1.3 – Add the words “characterization, storage”
- Section 2.3 – Change “repository” to disposal system
- Section 3.2 – Add the word “Affected”
- Section 3.3 – Delete the words “it may be” and add the words “by the NMED’s Hazardous Waste Bureau”
- Section 3.4 – Add “or the NMED”
- Section 3.5 – Add the word “affected” and delete the words “infrequent, “WIPP Web page” and “LLC.”
- Section 3.6 – Add sentence: “The names of subscribers are kept confidential.”
- Section 3.7 – Change “the purpose of the Permit modification request” to “proposed changes to hazardous waste management.” Add the words “regarding the proposed changes.”
- Section 4.1 – Add the words “using the form in the Comments section of the Plan or to the communityrelations@wipp.ws address” and “Comments also may be sent by mail to.” Delete the words “see Comments on the Web Page menu” and “LLC.”
- Section 4.2 – Capitalize the B in the subtitle word “between” and change the font color to blue.

Proposed changes to the Plan are identified by red text with a double underline for new text and a strikeout font for deleted information. The Plan and proposed changes can be read in its entirety online at:

<http://www.wipp.energy.gov/WIPPCommunityRelations/index.html>.

We encourage members of the public to submit comments or suggestions by **June 20, 2014**. Comments may be submitted by:

- E-mail to Communityrelations@wipp.ws
- Accessing <http://www.wipp.energy.gov/WIPPCommunityRelations/index.html> online. Clicking on the Comments tab, typing in your comments and submitting them.
- Calling the toll-free number at 1-866-271-9640 to speak directly to WIPP staff
- Mailing your comments to Bobby St. John, Nuclear Waste Partnership, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, N.M., 88221

The Permittees are required to post comments, consultations, communications, agreements and disagreements between the Permittees and members of the public on the Community Relations Plan Web page. Comments and suggestions will only be posted with the express consent of the contributor. Changes to the Plan will become effective based on timely resolution of comments.

You have received this correspondence because your name is listed on the WIPP Facility Mailing List. If you would like a copy of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Community Relations Plan or do not wish to receive further Permit-related correspondence, please contact:

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