

# Top government official meets with workers at WIPP

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CARLSBAD >> A top government official from Washington, D.C. visited with WIPP personnel and assessed the progress of underground recovery this week.

Jesse Roberson, the vice chairwoman of the Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board (DNFSB), toured the nuclear waste disposal facility located 26 miles southeast of Carlsbad and met with employees who had been working underground during the Feb. 5 truck fire. Roberson was also briefed on the current status of the underground recovery and what additional tasks must be completed during her one-day visit.

The DNFSB is an independent organization within the executive branch of the federal government that was created in 1989 to provide recommendations and advice to the President and the Department of Energy Secretary regarding public health and safety issues at DOE nuclear facilities. The Board, comprised of four members, reviews and evaluates the content and implementation of health and safety standards, as well as other requirements relating to the design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of DOE nuclear facilities.



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