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Cc: Kieling, John, NMENV; Maestas, Ricardo, NMENV
Subject: Re: WIPP

Thanks.

On 8/27/2014 9:58 AM, Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV wrote:

> Thanks for your comments Don. We certainly would like to meet with you and discuss your issues and questions. Ricardo will contact you shortly to arrange a meeting.

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> **From:** Don Hancock [<mailto:srcidon@earthlink.net>]
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> Reading the August 22, 2014 Bi-Weekly Report as required by the May 12 Administrative Order, raised some issues that I'd like to discuss with you.

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> When might we have such a conversation?
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> Issues include:

> 1. NMED's comments on the draft Underground Compliance Plan and on the draft Underground Derived Waste Storage Plan. SRIC has concerns about aspects of both plans, which we'd like to discuss. The Bi-Weekly Report indicates to SRIC that the permittees are moving forward with actions based on the draft plans, therefore SRIC would like to



understand NMED's plans for commenting and the advice that has been given to the permittees about implementing the draft plans.

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> 2. Reporting gaps. Attachment 12 of the August 22 Bi-Weekly Report is the map of Underground Decontamination Areas as of July 31, 2014. The next bi-weekly report is due on September 5. In the 36 days between those dates, the permittees expect to make at least 21 entries into the underground, according to the July-August calendar helpfully posted on the NMED website. Thus, the underground zones could change dramatically during that more than month timeframe. Further, the September 5 bi-weekly report will be through August 24, so it could be substantially out of date as of September 5. Insofar as NMED receives additional information about the underground entries, SRIC believes that information should be posted.

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> 3. Sampling and analysis data. SRIC is currently concerned about two aspects - geomechanical monitoring and sampling and analysis.

> A. Geomechanical monitoring. Page 3 of the August 22 Bi-Weekly Report regarding geomechanical monitoring states:

> "However, visual inspections

> of the underground areas during recent re-entries have shown that the ground is stable and is in sound condition."

> On the other hand, at the August 21 town hall meeting Jim Blankenhorn stated that during re-entries areas of missing bolts were noted near Panel 6 and that it was important to get the bolting machine into that area.

> The two pieces of information appear to be inconsistent. Neither provides enough actual information about underground stability, so additional information is necessary.

> B. Sampling and analysis. Key parts of both plans (and the forthcoming Recovery Plan) are addressing the underground contaminated areas.

> However, very little data is available about the sampling that has been and is being done and the laboratory analysis of such sampling. The June 13 Bi-Weekly Report as attachment 11 included maps of contamination levels found during the re-entries through May 30. Subsequent bi-weekly reports have not updated that information. In addition, the permittees have stated at town hall meetings that additional sampling was done in the underground before the filters were changed and since. None of that data has been posted by DOE nor NMED.

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> Thanks. Hopefully, we will talk soon.

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