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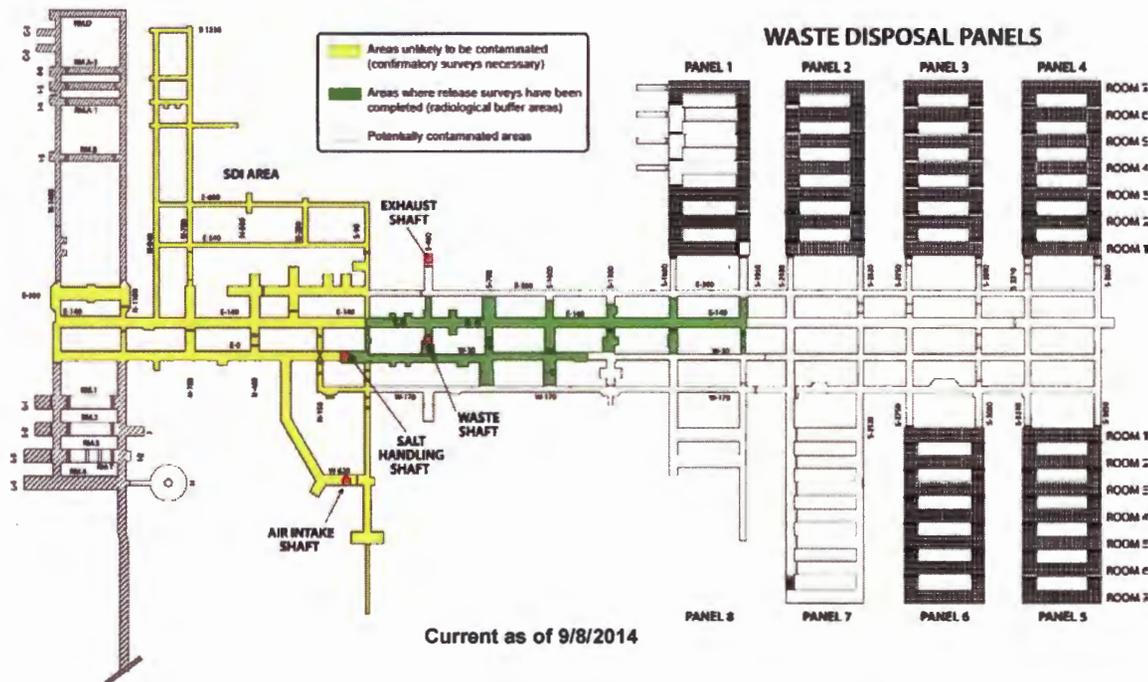
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WIPP UPDATE: September 9, 2014

Additional areas cleared in WIPP underground facility

WIPP personnel continue to work diligently to restore normal access to the WIPP underground facility. The graphic below identifies areas that have been surveyed for radiological contamination. The areas highlighted in green have been found to be contamination free. The surveys are conducted on the salt surfaces of the mine, but also include survey and release of any equipment or other structures located in these areas. Individuals conducting radiological surveys are trained on use of radiation detection equipment and the actions that are required should they identify radioactive contamination. Teams are focused on release of specific areas or zones during entries, clearing one zone at a time. Teams continue to make daily entries and are working their way back toward the disposal panels, carefully checking for contamination and reclassifying these areas as appropriate.



Community meeting scheduled

September 18 – The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host its Town Hall 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 meeting can be seen at <http://new.livestream.com/rrv/>.