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Attached is the summary of the October 28, 2014 conference call on the implementation status of the WIPP Nitrate Salt Bearing Waste Container Isolation Plan.

The following WIPP personnel participated on the call:

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Best regards,
George Basabilvazo



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Panel 6 Initial Closure

Access to Panel 6

a. Rollback

- Contamination Assessment—Radiological contamination assessments of the underground are ongoing. More than 60 percent of the mine has been radiologically characterized and rolled back to a Radiological Buffer Area or a Controlled Area, requiring no radiological personal protective equipment (PPE) for entry.
- Fixing/Decontamination Activities—Not started.
- Underground Entries—Some equipment maintenance was performed during recent underground entries. Recent entries focused on returning some safety equipment in the rolled back areas into service. This effort will be ongoing. Entries this week are underway.

b. Ground Control Status

- Shaft/Hoist/Panel 6—Preventative maintenance and preoperational checks continue in support of placing the Waste Hoist back in service. The Waste Hoist will be brought into service first for conveyance of equipment. It is expected to be operational for use of equipment conveyance within the next two weeks. Once inspections and PMs are complete it will be brought into full service.
- Geotechnical surveys were performed in the area of Panel 6 entrance. Bolting will need to be initiated in this area in preparation to support Panel 6 initial closure activities. This will commence when a bolter and sufficient support equipment have been cleaned or decontaminated and preventive maintenance is performed to meet safety requirements.
- Bolting—Priorities continue to include resumption of bolting and closure of Panel 6. Efforts are continuing on performing preventative maintenance and cleaning equipment needed to support bolting activities. Maintenance work on the forklift has been completed and the forklift returned to service. Preventive maintenance on the lube truck has been completed. Preventive maintenance on a bolting machine is in progress. This equipment is required for bolting operations.

c. Habitability

- Mine Phones—Initial inspections have been performed for the area between the Air Intake Shaft and Salt Shaft Station. Radiological rollback has allowed access to some

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mine phones and public address system locations in this limited area. As a result, operability tests have been performed for these underground mine phones and public address system locations. As radiological rollback continues towards Panel 6, mine phones in the Panel 6 area will be checked and, if necessary, will be repaired and have batteries replaced. Self-contained self rescuer caches will be restocked, if needed, in the drifts (e.g., W-30, S-2750) to Panel 6. Habitability activities have started near the shaft areas and are progressing towards the south end of the underground via drifts (E-140, W-30 and W-170) and will continue towards drifts (S-2750 and S-3080) that provide access to Panel 6 to support Panel 6 initial closure activities.

- Other Activities—None to report for this reporting period.

d. Drills, Training, Mockups

- An underground evacuation drill was performed on October 15th.

Equipment/Ventilation/Materials

a. Electrical

- Ongoing visual checks are being performed to evaluate the extent of soot accumulation on electrical equipment and clean, if necessary. Electrical distribution panels were cleaned and power restored for lights and some receptacles in the north maintenance shop.

b. Ventilation

- Air Flow—The underground ventilation system is currently operating in filtration mode using one 860 fan that supplies a nominal flow rate of 60,000 standard cubic feet per minute to the underground. The 860A fan was placed in service on October 21st to perform balancing, which has been completed.
- Roof Bolting—The number of pieces of diesel equipment that can be operated for roof bolting will be limited by the available ventilation in the work area and the minimum ventilation flow rate assigned to each piece of equipment based on Mine Safety and Health Administration air quality requirements. Due to limited ventilation airflow, ventilation adjustments will have to be made as a prerequisite in each location where bolting equipment will operate to ensure equipment airflow requirements are met.

c. Stage Needed Materials in Underground

- Bulkheads for the initial closure of Panel 6 are fabricated and are located in the underground. No additional staging of materials is currently underway.

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Document Preparation

a. Work Planning

- Work planning documents are being re-evaluated for new or changed hazards. The mitigations to these hazards and applicable compensatory measures will be included in revisions to the work planning documents for Panel 6 initial closure activities.

b. Safety Basis Documents

- Safety basis documents that support safety basis authorizations for Panel 6 initial closure activities are undergoing review.

Summary - Information Requests/Status

None to date.