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The WIPP participants on the call were:

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Best regards,
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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—Preventive maintenance activities are underway on various pieces of heavy equipment in the underground. Recent entries have also focused on returning some safety equipment (e.g. fire extinguishers and eye-wash stations) in the rolled back areas into service. This effort is ongoing. The underground maintenance shop and lunchroom have been released for use by employees working in the underground. Entries this week are underway.

b. Ground Control Status

- Shaft/Hoist—Preventive maintenance and preoperational checks continue in support of placing the Waste Hoist back in service. The Waste Hoist has been placed in service for conveyance of equipment. Once final inspections are complete, the waste hoist conveyance will be brought into full service.
- Bolting—Priorities continue to include resumption of bolting and the initial closure of Panel 6. Bolting will need to be initiated in the Panel 6 entries in preparation to support Panel 6 initial closure activities. Efforts are continuing on performing preventive maintenance and cleaning equipment needed to support bolting activities. Preventive maintenance on the forklift and lube truck has been completed. The bolting machine has been cleaned and the fire protection engineer cleanliness inspection performed. 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 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

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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 29th.

Equipment/Ventilation/Materials

a. Electrical

- Ongoing visual checks are being performed to evaluate the extent of soot accumulation on electrical equipment and to 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

- Revisions to work planning documents to address Panel 6 initial closure activities are in progress.

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.