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**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 12:51 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: WIPP Information - For Call Today

NMED notes in blue.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Russ Patterson [<mailto:russ.patterson@cbfo.doe.gov>]  
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**Subject:** RE: WIPP Information - For Call Today

Happy February 17, 2015

The call in number is: 1-866-757-5307

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Below is a summary of activities for today's call. (Please note that activities and dates are subject to change. Please verify the most current dates of any information provided.)

NMED notes in blue.

\* Bolting activities have transitioned to the E-140, W-170 drift, and Panel 8. In addition, bolting activities have commenced in contaminated areas, starting at the S-1950/E-140 drift, progressing to the S-2700 drift. Catch up bolting has been completed in over 50% of the underground, with over 1000 bolts installed. Backshift bolting (second shift) operations begun on February 16, 2015 in order to complete bolting activities to the entrance side of Panel 6 in March.



Yesterday (2/16) was the first “back shift”, or night shift worked that the WIPP group knows about. WIPP also said water was being applied to the salt road beds (floor of drifts) as a dust suppressant when moving the bolter.

\* The fans to be used for ventilation to support Panel 6 initial closure activities have been downloaded to the underground.

These fans are not part of Interim or Supplemental Ventilation, both of which are distinct plans with schedules per the master Recovery Plan. The fans are simply “boosters” used to move air around and eliminate dead spots. Use of these fans apparently don’t require NMED approval (i.e.: are not specified or disallowed in the Permit).

\* Panel 7, Room 7 restrictions that were in place to support the Accident Investigation Board evaluation have been lifted.

This announcement immediately started a series of questions regarding Panel 7 Room 7 closure, what is the approved plan, etc. (Nick Stone, EPA R6. NMED has not yet finished reviewing the WIPP Isolation Plan, Rev. 1, dated Sept. 30, 2014. This version of the Plan includes the proposed closure for Room 7. Review by NMED will be completed soon.

\* Decontamination activities involving washing the ribs with water has begun in the E-140/S-3080 intersection and the W-30 drift between S-2050 and S-2620. These decontaminated areas and equipment are only for restricted use and will still be controlled for radiological contamination purposes.

A question was asked about the amount of water being applied to the walls (Jonathan Walsh, EPA-ORIA). Stewart estimated about 40 gal. per shift, but that needs to be confirmed through the operating records. The decontamination procedure does not specify an upper limit, only that the operators keep track of exactly how much water is actually applied.

\* Ongoing visual checks are being performed to evaluate the extent of soot accumulation on electrical equipment and to clean, if necessary. The underground electrical cleaning and restoration is about 70% complete with power being restored to the underground science area.

\* The next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for March 5th.

NMED (Cole) requested a new version of the rollback map. Russ said that these are not necessarily distributed every week; he did say that he would send a current map even if not much has changed.

If you have any questions for this week's call please contact me or George Basabilvazo,

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1300 Meeting  
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