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Subject: FW: WIPP Information - For Call Today

NMED notes in blue for the March 10, 2015, 1pm call.
Thanks for your help on this Cole.

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Happy March 10, 2015

The call in number is: 1-866-757-5307
Participant code: 5794706

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.)

- * The safe and successful moderate efficiency filter change-out occurred last week. This filter change-out evolution was completed in two days. WIPP was able to describe the packaging of the Mod filters, but had no data for radiological readings. All containers with the replaced Mod filters were MLLW and would be transported to the Energy Solutions landfill. Shipment information would be available if requested. Some disconnect between the personnel on the call and the RADCON team - passage of information back and forth is lacking.
- * Catch up bolting activities resumed on the Wednesday night shift following the filter change-out last week. Catch up bolting is approximately 68% complete, with more than 1,400 bolts installed in the underground.



Opinion (Cole): NMED should be asking for vehicle IDs for the bolter and other in-use equipment, because not all equipment is MSHA or EPA certified. These vehicles must be older than 2001 and likely have never had an emissions test. The diesel particulates from an old, un-tuned engine could exceed standards for workers not wearing PPE. MSHA also has required testing for NO₂ and CO, both of which are combustion products from diesel engines. NMED has been asking for additional information regarding mine ventilation.

* Bolting is underway to the entrance of Panel 6 this week, and other preparations area underway for initial panel closure, including downloading fans for additional ventilation. Initial closure of Panel 6 is a priority, but the Isolation Plan lists many prerequisite activities. WIPP did state during a separate call that commencing initial closure of Panel 6 could start as early as the end of March.

* Bulkhead fabrication is underway in the underground maintenance shop in preparation for Panel 7, Room 7 closure. WIPP knows that they are proceeding at risk on the Room 7 closure components until they receive approval from NMED. NMED is currently drafting an Approval for Room 7 closure activities.

* Fabrication of the supplemental ventilation fan is in progress, and work continues on the bulkhead design. The supplemental ventilation system project will reconfigure the mine's ventilation system so that there are two separate air exhausts for the clean and contaminated sides of the mine. These bulkheads will be used to block ventilation from the exhaust shaft circuit and direct the supplemental air upcast and out the waste shaft. Supplemental air is unfiltered - necessary for any mining activities. Most likely this system will not be installed until fall 2015, after the Interim Ventilation has been installed and is working per specifications.

* Swapping of the 860B Fan to the 860A Fan occurred last Saturday (3/7) afternoon. This operating practice of 860 A-B-C rotation has been performed several times since the incident and without any problems. Don't know if there is a period of "zero ventilation" during the motor swap.

* The next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for April 2nd.

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

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