



**Allen, Pam, NMENV**

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**From:** Maestas, Ricardo, NMENV  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2016 9:17 AM  
**To:** Allen, Pam, NMENV  
**Subject:** FW: WIPP EOC activated/deactivated the evening of 8/4/2015 (no release) FW: heads up  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** LucasKamat, Susan, NMENV  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 7:35 AM  
**To:** Roberts, Kathryn, NMENV; Flynn, Ryan, NMENV  
**Cc:** Simon, Martin, NMENV; Kieling, John, NMENV; Cobrain, Dave, NMENV; Maestas, Ricardo, NMENV; Majure, Allison, NMENV; Carrasco, Krissie, NMENV  
**Subject:** WIPP EOC activated/deactivated the evening of 8/4/2015 (no release) FW: heads up  
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Please see the communications below from George Basabilvazo. WIPP activated EOC measures last night after a beta radiation detection on the Station B filter. The detection was determined to be caused by a calculation error.

An article on the EOC activation ran in the Carlsbad Current-Argus last night.

[http://www.currentargus.com/carlsbad-news/ci\\_28586887/emergency-operations-center-at-wipp-activated](http://www.currentargus.com/carlsbad-news/ci_28586887/emergency-operations-center-at-wipp-activated)

I have confirmed that Dr. Martin Simon is on-site at WIPP this morning to collect the Station A and B filters at the normal 7:30am time.

Yesterday, Martin reported Station B was experiencing low-flow conditions. WIPP RadCon engineers/staff thought it was a CAM/sensor problem.

I will forward any information Martin learns during today's filter exchanges.

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**From:** George Basabilvazo [<mailto:george.basabilvazo@cbfo.doe.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:23 PM  
**To:** LucasKamat, Susan, NMENV  
**Subject:** RE: heads up

Susan,

- Radiological Control Technicians have determined a calculation error caused a false positive at a surface air monitoring station.
- Multiple radiological frisks and swipes have been performed and show no radiological contamination.
- Based on this information, the event has been terminated. There is NO RELEASE.

The Emergency Operations Center and Joint Information Center are beginning the process to deactivate.

Best regards,  
George



**From:** George Basabilvazo  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:00 PM  
**To:** LucasKamat, Susan, NMENV ([Susan.LucasKamat@state.nm.us](mailto:Susan.LucasKamat@state.nm.us))  
**Subject:** heads up

Susan,

Just a heads up, the preliminary information is that we had a beta value greater than 2 times background at station B as apparently measured by direct frisk. No alpha reading. EOC was activated as a precautionary measure.

- At approximately 6 p.m. MT, Radiological Control Technicians detected minute levels of radiation on the filter at Station B where air is exhausted from the WIPP underground.
- As a precaution, WIPP personnel were directed to shelter in place.
- Radiological control technicians have NOT received any indication of a release underground.
- There is no indication of any kind of radiological release leaving the WIPP site.
- All WIPP personnel have been accounted for.

I will contact you in the morning to follow up.

Thanks,  
George