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Public Information Meetings

Requested Modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant



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WHO: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnerships Program

WHAT: DOE and NWP will conduct public meetings to provide information on the following permit modification request to the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 3 - 5 p.m. Thursday, October 15, 2015 5 - 7 p.m.

WHERE: Courtyard by Marriott 3347 Cerrillos Road Santa Fe, New Mexico Skeen-Whitlock Building 4021 National Parks Highway Carlsbad, New Mexico

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- WHY:** On September 8, 2015, DOE submitted a Class 2 permit modification request package to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The permit modification request proposes the following:
- Add trichloroethylene to the Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) target analyte list for VOC monitoring as required by the May 12, 2014, Administrative Order.
 - Change the repository VOC monitoring locations. Moving the location from the underground to the surface locations prevents unnecessary risk to VOC sampling personnel and provides a more practical value for determining the risk from VOC exposure to the non-waste handling surface worker.
 - Change the type of sampling equipment used for VOC monitoring. The proposed equipment has been proven reliable for other types of monitoring at the WIPP facility and is inherently simpler to use.
 - Change the sampling durations for VOC monitoring. This will remove some variability that may occur when using a shorter sampling period.
 - Revise the method of determining compliance with the surface non-waste handling worker environmental performance standard for air emissions. This revised methodology is based on a direct calculation of risk to the individual as opposed to an indirect determination using pre-established apportioned risk assigned to each target VOCs.
 - Remove the minimum running annual average mine ventilation exhaust rate. This rate is no longer needed since the initiation of disposal room monitoring.
 - Some editorial changes

HOW: To obtain additional information about this permit modification request, contact Mr. Bobby St. John, NWP at 1-800-336-9477. The permit modification is also available on the WIPP web site at <http://www.wipp.energy.gov> and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, N.M. A copy of the requested permit modification may also be obtained from NMED at the address listed below.

COMMENTS: Written comments for the record must be sent to the NMED contact person at the address below and received no later than 5 p.m. on November 11, 2015.

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The Permittees' compliance history during the life of the Permit being modified is available from Mr. Maestas at the New Mexico Environment Department.

QUESTIONS: Any questions or comments to the Permittees regarding this permit modification request may be sent to Mr. Bobby St. John, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, N.M. 88221, no later than November 3, 2015.

WIPP Permit Community Relations Plan

On-line: <http://www.wipp.energy.gov> / toll-free: 1-866-271-9640 / e-mail: communityrelations@wipp.ws

