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WIPP Completes State of the Art Emergency Operations Center

The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) continues to make improvements to the facility's overall emergency response capabilities. Construction was recently completed on a 4,000 square foot, state of the art Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The Skeen-Whitlock Building, which houses the Carlsbad Field Office, was remodeled over the past several months to include the new in-town EOC.

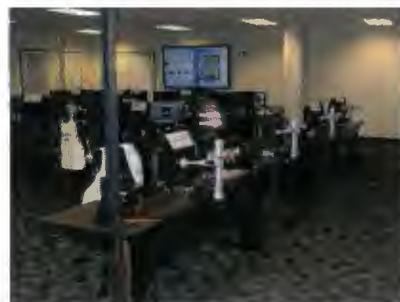
The physical changes include a primary EOC area, Emergency Management support area and several contingency rooms. Other key upgrades include the installation of new computers, wall-mounted monitors and interactive message boards. A number of software enhancements have also been added that are designed to improve incident response capabilities.

WebEOC, an extremely versatile and robust web-based incident management tool, is the most noticeable addition to the software used in the EOC. WebEOC serves as a gateway tool that allows information to be shared between WIPP and federal, state, local public safety entities and various other partners who also use the software. This upgrade will allow employees at the WIPP facility who are managing an emergency event to provide real-time information to the new EOC, as well as other supporting organizations with emergency management responsibilities.

WIPP continues to find ways to improve and enhance the overall operations of the WIPP facility and is dedicated to resuming safe operations.



Participants use the new EOC during a recent emergency response drill.



The new state-of-the-art EOC improves WIPP's emergency management capabilities.

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Next WIPP Town Hall Meeting Scheduled October 29

The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host its Town Hall meeting featuring updates on WIPP recovery activities. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 29 at 5:30 p.m. Location: Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 101 N. Halagueno Street. Live streaming of the meeting can be seen at <http://new.livestream.com/rvv/>.