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## **WIPP UPDATE: November 12, 2015**

### **WIPP Conducts Limited Scope Performance Tests**

On November 3-4, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Emergency Operations Center staff conducted a series of Limited Scope Performance Tests (LSPT) designed to evaluate the readiness of the Emergency Response Organization (ERO) and the Emergency Operations Center.

A series of four exercises were conducted (i.e. earthquake, radiological release, etc.) to thoroughly test the ERO system and staff. The U.S. Department of Energy-Office of Enterprise Assessments evaluated the ER functions and the staff's abilities to respond to an emergency event. A final report will be issued, by the Office of Enterprise Assessments on their observations.



**Members of the WIPP Emergency Operations Center participate in a drill, simulating an emergency occurrence at the WIPP Facility.**

The main focus of the Office of Enterprise Assessments programmatic review was technical planning documents, program administration, exercises, and overall readiness assurance. The results of the review will assist in preparing for upcoming Operational Readiness Reviews (ORR) that must be conducted prior to resuming operations at WIPP. LSPT's measure WIPP's continued ability to maintain readiness to respond to an emergency that might occur at the facility. WIPP continues to focus on improving the overall safety and emergency response programs and is dedicated to protecting employees, the public, property, and the environment.

### **Next WIPP Town Hall Meeting Scheduled January 14**

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, January 14 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/rrv/>.

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