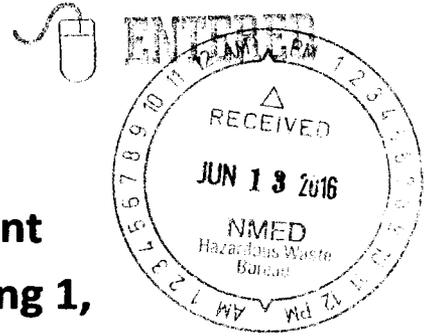


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**Mr. Ricardo Maestas, New Mexico Environment
Department, 2905 Rodeo Park Dr. East, Building 1,
Santa Fe, NM 87505**

Dear Mr. Maestas;

Attached are my comments for the record submitted to Bobby St. John, Nuclear Waste Partnership requesting comments on the proposed Community Relations program.

As indicated in my comments, we believe that it is very important to have citizen involvement relative to the operation of the Nuclear Waste Program through a Citizen's Advisory Board composed of citizen members from the communities surrounding the WIPP site. As indicated, a similar Board has operated very successfully over several years for nuclear waste generated at Los Alamos. Such an Advisory Board is not meant to be critical but largely to submit positive suggestions from the local citizen perspective at bi-monthly meetings with WIPP representatives.


Donald A. Dayton

Sincerely,



**Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Draft Community Relations Plan
Comment/ Suggestion Form**

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COMMENTS

Thank you for a copy of your Community Relations Plan. I am retired in Carlsbad after 30 years of federal employment in Environmental Management with the U.S. Dept. of the Interior and the U.S Department of Agriculture at various locations around the country. My last assignment was in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

After retirement, I volunteered to serve on the "Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board to "Advise the DOE through a federally chartered formal recommendation process on environmental restoration (cleanup) and waste management activities at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and the Northern New Mexico communities impacted by LANL activities. (see attached). The Board was also provided with a trip to the WIPP site, a tour underground and a discussion with the WIPP environmental management. I found my two year assignment on this Committee to be very successfull in providing community input from the various communities impacted by LANL activities.

I urge that you set up a similar Citizen's Advisory Board with members representing local communities sourrounding and impacted by WIPP. In the long run, it can prove to be very valuable and provide a positive impact on your community relations program.

I agree to having my comments and suggestions posted on the WIPP Community Plan Web Page

PUBLIC COMMENT

U.S. Department of Energy Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Community Relations Plan



WHO: The U.S. Department of Energy and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (the Permittees) are seeking public comments and suggestions to improve the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Community Relations Plan as part of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit Number: NM4890139088-TSDF) issued by the New Mexico Environment Department.

New Mexico residents, organizations, interest groups, federal, state and local government entities, tribal governments and tribal members are encouraged to provide comments or suggestions to the Permittees to enhance the Plan.

WHAT: The Community Relations Plan is designed to inform communities and interested members of the public about WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit activities and opportunities for public participation in those activities.

PLAN ELEMENTS:

Part 1, Section 1.15.2 of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit identifies six key elements of the Plan:

1. Establish working relationships with communities and interested members of the public.
2. Establish productive government to government relations between the U.S. Department of Energy and affected tribes and pueblos.
3. Inform communities and interested parties of permit activities.
4. Minimize disputes and resolve differences with communities and interested members of the public.
5. Provide timely responses to individual requests for information.
6. Establish mechanisms for communities and interested members of the public to provide feedback and input to the Permittees.

WHEN: The Permittees propose minor updates to the Plan which will be mailed to individuals on the WIPP Facility Mailing List May 26, 2016, for comment. Proposed updates are also available online at: <http://www.wipp.energy.gov/WIPPCommunityRelations/index.html>

HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS:

Contact the Permittees by e-mail, telephone or by mail to receive a copy of the updated WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Community Relations Plan and a comment form.

Comments and suggestions can be made online by accessing the Plan at: <http://www.wipp.energy.gov/WIPPCommunityRelations/index.html> and clicking on "Comments."

E-mail: communityrelations@wipp.ws

Call the toll free telephone number: 1-866-271-9640, available during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. MST

Mailing address: Bobby St. John, Nuclear Waste Partnership, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM 88221