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

WHO: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office and Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC (NWP)

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, June 28, 2016 3 - 5 p.m.
Thursday, June 30, 2016 5 - 7 p.m.

WHERE: Courtyard by Marriott Skee-Whitlock Building
3347 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Skeen-Whitlock Building
4021 National Parks Highway
Carlsbad, New Mexico

WHY: On June 3, 2016, DOE submitted a Class 2 permit modification request package to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The permit modification request proposes the following:

- Provide the Permittees to use alternative measures for underground waste disposal operations when the required room ventilation rate cannot be met. These alternative measures would continue to ensure the safety of the personnel performing these operations.
- Provides the Permittees the ability to propose and alternative remedial action plan to the Secretary in lieu of closing the active room if the requirements of Permit Part 4, Section 4.6.3.3. cannot be met.
- Removes the minimum air velocity value in Attachment A2.
- Simplify the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) contingency plan implementation criteria.
- Address the new WIPP fire department.
- Remove the minimum running annual average mine ventilation exhaust rate.
- Revise emergency response personnel job titles/descriptions and training.
- 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 August 8, 2016.

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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 August 1, 2016.

WIPP Permit Community Relations Plan
On-line: http://www.wipp.energy.gov / toll-free: 1-866-271-9640 / e-mail: communityrelations@wipp.gov