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Good afternoon all:

Ricardo received a call from George Basibivazo, CBFO, this afternoon to notify us that a rock fall was discovered this morning at WIPP during the underground inspections in the unfinished Panel 8. Panel 8 is the new panel that has partially been mined.

It appears the rock fall took place in the area between Room 1 and Room 2, in S-1950 drift (see attachment). They are not exactly sure when the rock fall took place since this area is not frequently visited.

Panel 8 has been restricted to personnel for quite some time. There are no immediate plans to investigate the extent of the rock fall since the area is restricted.

George mentioned that they will likely not be going into Panel 8 until they are ready to commence mining operations.

George also mentioned that a press release of the rock fall discovery may be issued but he did not have further details.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks, John

