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Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Allen, Pam, NMENV
Subject: FW: Panel 8 Roof Fall RTQ 8.18.17 FINAL
Attachments: Panel 8 Roof Fall RTQ 8.18.17 FINAL.docx; Roof Fall Room 8 081817.pdf

From: Majure, Allison, NMENV
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2017 10:52 AM
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No media release, but the attached brief description of the discovery went to regional mayors and WIPP staff.

Thanks John and Ricardo for the earlier info.

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Mager, Donovan - NWP" <donavan.mager@wipp.ws>
Date: 8/19/17 8:15 AM (GMT-07:00)
To: "Majure, Allison, NMENV" <Allison.Majure@state.nm.us>
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This is the info we shared with employees, mayors of carlsbad and hobbs, and Heaton. I can't emphasize enough that rock falls occur in non accessible/unbolted parts of the mine and are expected. We will deal with them as part of our normal mine maintenance program. Sorry I was a bit dead headed when you called.

Have a great day.

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From: Mager, Donovan - NWP
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:00:45 PM
To: Covert, Bruce - NWP
Cc: Britain, Jennifer - NWP
Subject: Panel 8 Roof Fall RTQ 8.18.17 FINAL

Final approved by CBFO/HQ.



Response if Queried Statement Panel 8 Roof Fall

Statement for media inquiries

A rock fall was observed this morning in Panel 8. The fall took place in an area of Panel 8 which has been prohibited to personnel access for over a year, so there was no danger to employees. All safety and reporting protocols were followed as appropriate. We take the situation very seriously. There is nothing more important than the safety of the WIPP workforce.

Background

On Friday, August 18, employees doing a pre-shift inspection of the WIPP underground discovered a roof fall on the exhaust side of Panel 8 near Room 2. The roof fall was not unexpected.

Initial Panel 8 mining began in 2013 and was halted following the 2014 fire and radiological events. No ground support system or geo-mechanical monitoring equipment has been installed in Panel 8. Mining in Panel 8 is expected to resume later this year at which time the rubble from the roof fall will be removed and the appropriate ground support system installed.



