Public Information Meetings

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

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

WHAT: DOE and NWP (Permittees) will conduct public meetings to provide information on a Class 2 Permit Modification Request for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit). The Permit Modification Request contains the following two items:

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- Training Program Revision
- Changes Due to Construction and Operation of a New Filter Building

WHEN:

Monday, January 8, 2018
5 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10, 2018
3 - 5 p.m.

WHERE:

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

Courtyard by Marriott
3347 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, New Mexico

WHY: On November 29, 2017, the Permittees submitted a Class 2 Permit Modification Request to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The Permit Modification Request proposes to:

- Revise the training program for WIPP facility personnel to more closely align with the applicable requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulations and other hazardous waste facility permits throughout the State of New Mexico.
- Move details associated with training requirements from the Permit to the WIPP facility files.
- Update the description of the Underground Ventilation System and its modes of operation to include the New Filter Building and its associated equipment.
- Revise the Closure Plan to include the decontamination and decommissioning of the existing Interim Ventilation System components that have become radiologically contaminated.
- Revise the WIPP Mine Ventilation Rate Monitoring Plan to remove requirements relative to total mine airflow.
- Modify the Property Protection Area.
- Make changes to the fire-water distribution system, staging areas and evacuation routes, and list of emergency equipment in the RCRA Contingency Plan.

HOW: To obtain additional information about this Permit Modification Request, contact Mr. Bobby St. John, NWP at 1-800-336-9477. The Permit Modification Request 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, NM. 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 February 1, 2018.

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The Permittees' compliance history during the life of the Permit being modified is available from Mr. Maestas at the NMED.

QUESTIONS: Any questions regarding this permit modification request may be directed to Mr. Bobby St. John, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM 88221, no later than January 25, 2018.

WIPP Permit Community Relations Plan

On-line: http://www.wipp.energy.gov / toll-free: 1-866-271-9640 / e-mail: communityrelations@wipp.ws