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Hello all,

I just got a call from WIPP folks with a courtesy notice on a couple of items.

1) During waste emplacement activities last night, workers were emplacing a 7-pack from Oak Ridge on top of a Ten Drum Overpack (TDOP) in Room 5 of Panel 7. Workers notices that one of the drums in the 7-pack was not sitting right (they are shrink wrapped for support as well). They placed the 7-pack on the ground and notified up the chain. The decision was made to evacuate the underground and activate the Emergency Operations Center as a precaution. At this time there does not appear to be any major issues with the drums and no injuries are reported. Workers are getting ready to re-enter the underground this morning to continue their investigations. Once more information is available they will let NMED know.

2) Workers were processing a TRU Pact from Oak Ridge in the Waste Handling Building yesterday and a swipe came pack positive for radiation contamination. They took additional swipes and have sent them to the local lab for analysis (counting). Most of these incidents in the past have been naturally occurring radon. While workers await the results from the lab the wast package will be left in the TRU Pact in the Waste Handling Building. It may be a few days for results to come back. They will follow up with NMED once they know more.

Thank you.

If you have any immediate questions please let me know.  
I will send a follow-up email when I hear more.

I am out today but will be checking email and messages.

Thank you.

Ricardo  
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