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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** File WIPP '19  
**FROM:** Ricardo Maestas, Staff Manager, HWB WIPP Group *RM*  
**SUBJECT:** Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Site Visit Report;  
Visit Ground Preparation Status in the Proposed New Shaft Area

**Site Visit Date:** December 2, 2019 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>NMED:</b>	<b>Facility:</b>
	Megan McLean	Mike Brown, CBFO
	David Biswell	Martin Navarrete, CBFO
		Rick Chavez, RES NWP
		Stewart Jones, RES NWP
		Bill Jaco
		Jerry Clark
		Larry Madl
		Roy Neese
		Richard Brugman

**Photos Taken:** Yes

**Notes:** NMED viewed ground preparations at the proposed new shaft area and had discussions with site personnel.

- Surface preparations underway mainly involving land clearing/leveling.
- Salt ponds/pads preparation started.
- Water line and electrical ducting routing begun along access road.
- Electrical substation equipment waiting on site.
- 22-acre Property Protection Area (PPA) fencing in place around shaft area with east and west entrances with security road surrounding and an unpaved parking lot on the west side. East entrance across from main WIPP parking lot for facility. West entrance leads to salt ponds/pads area.
- Currently clearing land in north of PPA for support buildings.
- Northern by-pass road under construction. Will be 3.2 miles upon completion.





**Photo 1: NMED meeting with site personnel at the proposed new shaft area (exploratory borehole in photo)**



**Photo 2: Close-up of exploratory borehole with WIPP Facility in background**