



New Mexico Environment Department

Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Ten-Year Permit Renewal

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April 20, 2022, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Stakeholder Meeting





Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) – 10-Year Permit Renewal

Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Brief overview of Renewal milestones so far
- Brief explanation of recently-submitted updated RLSO
- Brief overview of Renewal schedule into 2023
- Open forum to gather comments, concerns, questions from stakeholders



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Renewal Milestones

- Pre-Application Public Meeting held in Santa Fe and Carlsbad in January 2020
- Renewal application submitted March 31, 2020
- Admin Complete issued on October 6, 2020
- Technical review ongoing
- Class 3 for Panels 11 and 12 submitted on July 30, 2021
- NMED requested consolidation of Class 3 with Renewal Application on December 17, 2021
- Permittees submitted updated Redline/Strikeout (RLSO) on March 17, 2022



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Updated Ten-Year Permit Renewal Application RLSO

- Updated RLSO includes the modifications requested in the Class 3 PMR for Panels 11 and 12
- Changes are documented in an explanatory matrix submitted by the Permittees
- The RLSO is based on the current Permit as of March 2022
- Only the RLSO portion of the Permit Renewal Application was updated; no other changes were made to the original March 31, 2020 Application
- Permittees' meeting to explain matrix April 28, 2022, 5:00 PM



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Tentative Upcoming Renewal Schedule into 2023:

- TID expected to be issued in May
- TID Response in 60-90 days
- NMED prepares draft Permit
- Draft Permit expected to be issued for public comment (60-day comment period) this summer
- NMED reviews public comments and any hearing requests
- Negotiations
- Public Hearing Notice issued
- Public Hearing
- Post Hearing Activities
- Final Decision by NMED Secretary



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NMED
encourages
public
participation

NMED is interested in your feedback/questions on:

- Bulk Comments
and other Renewal topics such as:
- Specific technical topics
- Negotiations
- Schedule
- Process
- Public Participation
- Any other Permit Renewal items