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WESTINGHOUSE WORK AT THE WIPP RATED BY DOE

CARLSBAD, N.M., June 14, 1994 -- Westinghouse Electric Corporation's Waste Isolation Division (WID) received good ratings from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for management and operation of the Carlsbad Area Office's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) for the past six-month appraisal period.

The DOE's performance evaluation report covers the period between October 1, 1993, and March 31, 1994. For that period, the DOE assigned the WIPP management and operation company an 88.2 percent rating out of a possible of 100. The DOE considers a rating from 86 to 95 percent as "good."

The ratings assigned by the DOE during the semi-annual performance evaluation determine the amount of award fee a contractor will receive for its work. Award fee is compensation linked to actual contractor performance as evaluated by the DOE.

"I am very pleased with the DOE's recognition of our overall performance and our cost reduction initiatives," said Carl Cox, general manager of Westinghouse WID. "We look forward to further productivity improvements in the future."

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The DOE commended Westinghouse's performance at the WIPP for significant and notable achievements in several areas, including:

- Proactive approaches to stakeholder issues;
- The Compliance Status Report, a document needed for the Environmental Protection Agency to certify the WIPP as a disposal facility;
- Experimental operations in support of the ongoing geological tests at the WIPP;
and
- Achieving outstanding safety performance in calendar year 1993.

Westinghouse will pursue improvements in areas where the DOE noted deficiencies, including delays in completion of construction projects at the site, and the transition of a shipping contract.

The WIPP is a research and development facility of the DOE, located in southeastern New Mexico. It is designed to demonstrate the safe transport, handling and disposal of some radioactive waste left from the production of nuclear weapons. Westinghouse is the management and operating contractor for the DOE.

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