In response to stakeholder interest, the U.S. Department of Energy has extended until October 16, 1995 the public scoping period for the second Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. This study will evaluate the potential impacts of the Disposal Phase of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in southeastern New Mexico.

The Carlsbad Area Office also will hold an additional scoping meeting for the Denver Metro Area from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., October 11, at the Broomfield Recreation Center, 300 Community Park Drive, Broomfield, CO. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting.

All comments should be sent to: Harold Johnson
DOE NEPA Compliance Officer
c/o Battelle
2000 Randolph Road SE, #105
Albuquerque, NM 87106

Comments should be postmarked no later than October 16, 1995. Comments may be faxed to 505-224-8030. If you have any questions about the scoping period extension, the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, or the WIPP, please call the WIPP Information Center at 1-800-336-9477 (toll-free).

Sincerely,

Robert Wise, Manager
Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
CARLSBAD AREA OFFICE

Upcoming 1995-1996 Stakeholder Involvement Opportunities

October

11 Wednesday
SEIS-II Scoping meeting near Denver, CO, at the Broomfield Recreation Center, 300 Community Park Drive, Broomfield, CO, 7 pm - 9 pm

16 Monday
Last date to mail comments on SEIS-II scoping

18 Wednesday
WIPPTREX Transportation Exercise 95-2, Ogden, UT

19 Thursday
52nd WIPP Quarterly Meeting - Albuquerque, NM

23 Monday
Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee, New Mexico State University-Carlsbad, NM, Rm 150, Instructional Center, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

24 Tuesday
Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee Tour of the WIPP, 8:00 am - 11:30 am

31 Tuesday
*Milestone: Complete Remote-Handled Study
*Milestone: Publish Sealing Systems Design Report

December

29 Friday
*Milestone: Provide Supplemental Inventory Data to Performance Assessment on Waste Characterization Plan

January 1996

*Milestone: Nuclear Regulatory Commission approval of Remote-Handled Safety Analysis Report for Packaging

March

*Milestone: Final Data Input to Models for 9/96 CCDF

*Milestones (in italics) are key dates shown on the Disposal Decision Plan

For additional information, call Patty Baratti-Sallani (505) 234-7313
WIPP SEIS Public Scoping Period Extended

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Second Scoping Meeting Scheduled for Denver

The Carlsbad Area Office has scheduled one additional public scoping meeting, near Denver, for the second WIPP Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. It will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. October 11, at the Broomfield Recreation Center, 300 Community Park Drive, Broomfield, Colorado.

Remote-Handled Transuranic Waste Study Nearing Completion

The WIPP Remote-Handled Transuranic Waste Study will be completed by the end of October 1995. The study, which is a requirement of the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act, examines the effects of remote-handled waste on the performance assessment of the WIPP and compares remote-handled with contact-handled transuranic waste. It will evaluate such factors as gas generation, flammability, explosiveness, solubility, and brine and geochemical interactions. Additional information will be published in a Federal Register Notice.

For further information on any WIPP topic, please call our Information Center, 1-800-336-WIPP (800-336-9477) 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. mountain time. At other hours, please leave a message and we'll return your call on the next work day.