August 1997

August 15 -- Public Tour Day at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant,* Carlsbad, New Mexico

August 27–28 -- Western Governors' Association (WGA) Technical Advisory Group for WIPP Transport, Eldorado Hotel, 309 W. San Francisco Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Call 1-800-955-4455 for hotel reservations. For additional information on the meeting, contact Ron Ross or Jon Lawritson, WGA, at 303-623-9378.

August 30 -- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Disposal Phase Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to be issued

September 1997

September 9 -- End of comment period on the Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 Discussion Draft

★ September 30 -- Milestone: Disposal Phase Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision

★ September 30 -- Milestone: First Shipping Sites Certification

* A Public Tour Day is offered to citizens wishing to tour the WIPP. Interested persons should call the WIPP Information Center at 1-800-336-WIPP (1-800-336-9477).

★ Milestones (in italics) are key dates shown on the Disposal Decision Plan. For additional information, call the WIPP Information Center at 1-800-336-WIPP (1-800-336-9477).
Did you know . . .

- that "thinking ahead" for the Carlsbad Area Office means 10,000 years, which is the period of time the DOE must show that waste at the WIPP can be isolated from the human environment?

- that WIPP truck drivers have completed a minimum of 100,000 miles of tractor-trailer driving experience, maintained a good driving record, and passed strict traffic safety and emergency response exams?

- that the WIPP Waste Acceptance Criteria will prohibit the disposal of ignitable, reactive, and corrosive wastes; liquid wastes; and compressed gases (among other things) at the WIPP?

- that WIPP shipments will be among the safest on the road due to the careful design of the TRUPACT-II shipping casks the safety requirements for drivers and vehicles, and the emergency response capability established along transportation corridors?

For more information:

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