

Carlsbad Area office MONTHLY CALENDAR

Information and Involvement Opportunities
November 1997

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November 3 -- New Mexico Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force will meet jointly with Hazardous & Radioactive Materials Interim Legislative Committee, State Capitol Building, Room 321, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Contact Chris Wentz at (505) 827-5950 for details.

November 5 -- WIPPTRAX 97-2 (WIPP Emergency Response Full Scale Joint Exercise, New Mexico-Colorado), Raton, New Mexico, Port of Entry, 5:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.

November 6 -- WIPPTRAX 97-2 (WIPP Emergency Response Exercise Debrief), Raton, New Mexico. 1:00 p.m. Contact John Shea at (505) 476-9628 for details.

November 7 -- HAZMAT Awareness Training, Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Bernalillo Sheriff's Academy. Contact John Shea at (505) 476-9628 for details.

November 17 -- WIPPTREX 98-1 Planning Meeting, Pocatello, Idaho, IHMTC classroom in the airport, 1:00 p.m.

November 15-16 -- Emergency Medical Services Operations Training Course for Hazardous Materials, Pojoaque Pueblo, New Mexico. Contact Dwayne Merritt at (505) 455-3085 for details. November 21 -- *Public Tour Day at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

November 25 -- *Opening of Roswell Relief Route, Roswell, New Mexico, 1:00 p.m.

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December 3-4 -- Governor's Career Development Conference, Albuquerque Convention Center (Transportation Exhibit on display), Albuquerque, New Mexico. Contact Chris Wentz at (505) 827-5950 for details.

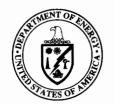
December 6 -- Los Alamos Shipment Route Full Scale Exercise 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; debrief at 3:00 p.m. in the Cities of Gold Annex, Room 110.

December 9-10 -- Southern States Energy Board meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, Luxor Hotel, 8:30 a.m. Contact Dair DeCesare at (303) 573-8910 for details.



* Interested persons should call the WIPP Information Center at 1-800-336-WIPP (1-800-336-9477)





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Environmental Protection Agency issues proposed rule

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued its proposed rule to certify that the Department of Energy's (DOE) Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) complies with radioactive waste disposal regulations. Under the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act of 1992, as amended, the WIPP is required to comply with the EPA's standards for the disposal of radioactive waste. Once finalized, the EPA's certification of compliance would allow the disposal of radioactive waste at the WIPP to begin, provided that all other applicable health and safety standards have been met.

The EPA will hold a 120-day public comment period on its proposed certification decision. Public hearings on the proposal, tentatively planned for January 1998, will be held in New Mexico. The EPA will announce public hearing information once the schedule is set. Comments should be submitted, in duplicate, to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Docket No. A-93-02, Air Docket, Room M-1500 (LE-131) 401 M Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20460