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NEW MEXICO RADIOACTIVE WASTE CONSULTATION TASK FORCE

The N.M. Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force, sometimes known as the Governor's WIPP Task Force, is authorized by the *Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Act* [Section 74-4A-2 through 74-4A-14 NMSA 1978]. The membership is comprised of the Secretaries of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Taxation and Revenue Department, Department of Health, Environment Department, Department of Public Safety, and the State Highway and Transportation Department, or their designees. In addition, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the joint interim legislative Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee, or their representatives, participate as advisory members. The Governor appoints the Chair of the Task Force.

The primary duties of the Task Force include negotiating on behalf of the State of New Mexico with the federal government in all areas relating to the siting, licensing, and operation of new federal disposal facilities for high-level, transuranic, and low-level radioactive wastes (e.g., WIPP); conducting technical and policy analyses of related issues; recommending legislation to implement the State's policies with respect to new federal disposal facilities; identifying and disseminating information on impacts associated with those disposal facilities; and coordinating any related investigations or studies undertaken by State agencies. The Task Force is also required to meet with the Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee of the New Mexico State Legislature and keep them apprised of all actions taken by the Task Force.

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NOTICE OF WIPP PUBLIC MEETING

The Governor's WIPP Task Force

will meet on

Monday, April 13, 1998 at 1:30 p.m.

Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos

(2132 Central Avenue)

The Task Force is comprised of the Governor's cabinet secretaries of the Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, Taxation and Revenue Department, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Environment Department, and the State Highway & Transportation Department.

The Meeting Agenda includes brief reports on the status of WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Plant), followed by specific presentations on the Los Alamos National Laboratory's transuranic waste characterization/certification process. Prior to the presentations there will be an opportunity for statements by members of the public.

Call Heidi Snow or Chris Wentz at 505/827-5950 for more information.