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TRU News

Weekly newsletter for employees of the
Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division
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October

WID Calendar

October 4-10	Fire Prevention Week
October 12	Columbus Day (Observed)
October 15	"Attitude, Eliminating At Risk Behavior" @ Pecos River Conference Center

If you would like to add an event to the WID Calendar, please contact Dana Pulliam at Extension 8511.

*To feel valued, to know,
even if only once in a
while, that you can do a
job well is an absolutely
marvelous feeling.*

Barbara Walters

FINALLY!

We're Mining Again

From Budd Lucus

On Thursday, October 1, 1998, mining was resumed at the WIPP after a ten year hiatus (since Panel 1 was completed in 1988). The Marietta drum miner is cutting salt again and the haulage trucks are transporting the excavated material to the Salt Handling Shaft.

The initial mining is not being done on a full production basis, but rather on a limited basis with a reduced crew. The initial excavations will be the extensions of the South access drifts, W-170, W-30, E-140, and E-300. The access drifts are being excavated in anticipation of full scale mining when it is time to begin the mining of Panel 2. The first mining sequence is the South extension of the W-170 Drift.

Budd Lucus, the Manager of Underground Operations, and Jack Gilbert, the DOE/CAO Mine Manager, have both said that they and everyone associated with the underground are very excited about the resumption of mining.

Since no major salt haulage has been done in the past 10 years, all people should be aware that the W-170 drift is going to be the salt haulage route, and will have two-way truck traffic. The haulage trucks will exit the W-170 Drift at the S-90 cross-cut, and will then dump into the loading pocket on the North side of the Salt Handling Station. Extreme caution should be used by everyone in the area of the Salt Handling Station and in the W-170 Drift. Please observe the new caution signs posted, and remain clear of these areas unless you have a need to be there.

1998 Fire Prevention Campaign

"Fire Drills - The Great Escape"

From Howard Brown

Each year, Fire Prevention Week marks the kickoff of the National Fire Safety Awareness month. The annual fire safety campaign was initiated by the National Fire Protection Association. President Calvin Coolidge declared the first National Fire Prevention Week in 1925 as an official national observance. The first week in October was chosen in recognition of the Great Chicago Fire of October 9, 1871 which claimed more than 250 lives and destroyed over 17,000 buildings. This year's campaign will be observed October 4 through 10. The theme for 1998, *Fire Drills: The Great Escape* is a reminder to people that preparing in advance of a fire can save lives.

Fire safety is an important part of the WIPP's mission through the protection of people, property, and the environment. Throughout the month of October, fire safety will be emphasized with articles in the *TRU News*. Employees are being invited to increase their awareness of fire safety on the job and away from work through participation in the WIPP fire safety campaign. Those participating will receive safety awareness promotional gifts and materials. Please see page 2 for the complete schedule of the Fire Prevention Week events.

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