COMMENTS

Kim -

Attached are names, titles, and organizations of people tentatively attending the WIPP tour on Tuesday afternoon, May 18. No additional names will be added to the list, but some may be removed as the date draws nearer. We can arrive at the site by 12:30 PM. If possible, we would like to see the CH and RH Bays, the Parking Area south of the WHB, the CMR, and rooms 1 and 7 of Panel 1. We'd also like to view the Exhaust Shaft sump, if that is still possible. We can skip the RH Bay and CMR if time becomes an issue. I understand we will probably tour the underground first, due to the fact that folks need to be out by a certain time in the afternoon before quitting time.

We request permission to bring cameras. Let me know if you need any further information. Thanks for your help!

Steve
Potential NMED WIPP Tour Attendees

NMED Hazardous & Radioactive Materials Bureau:
RCRA Permits Management Program -
Steve Zappe, Geologist
  US citizen, resident of Santa Fe, NM
Eliza Frank, Environmental Specialist
  US citizen, resident of Santa Fe, NM
Neelam Dhawan, Environmental Specialist
  Country of birth: India
  US citizen, resident of Santa Fe, NM
  DOB: 2/15/1955
  SSN: 026-60-2663
Roland Rocha, Environmental Specialist
  US citizen, resident of Albuquerque, NM
Stephanie Kruse, Water Resource Engineering Specialist
  US citizen, resident of Albuquerque, NM
Will Moats, Water Resource Specialist
  US citizen, resident of Albuquerque, NM
Attached is the fax I will send for the upcoming trip to Carlsbad to tour the WIPP site. Please provide your job title for their purposes. If anyone else wants to go, they must add their name to this list Thursday, May 13. All of us must obtain the necessary authorization for in-state travel. As has been the case in the past, no overtime will be accruable on this trip - any work (or travel time) in excess of 40 hours during that week will be your sacrifice. If you are no longer able to go, please notify me ASAP.

The current plan is for us to leave the HRMB office at 6:30 AM on Tuesday morning, May 18, in the Beluga (large white van) and the Bronco. This is a change from previous years, as they are unable to give us a tour on Friday morning or the days they emplace waste. For those of you from Albuquerque, you may want to arrange to car pool out to Clines Corners, and we can pick you up there at 7:30 AM so you don't have to drive to Santa Fe. We will grab burgers in Carlsbad for lunch and arrive at the site by 12:30 PM, if we haven't taken any long breaks on the way down (e.g., alien crash sites, feed lots, etc.). We'll then receive a safety orientation and a surface tour, and then get outfitted for the underground tour. Wear sturdy shoes and comfortable clothes - the underground temperature is pleasant. Cameras and videos are allowed, so bring what you will. As you are aware, waste has been emplaced and we'll be able to see it. The entire tour should end by 4 PM. After that, we'll swing by the Gnome blast site before returning to town, where we'll check into the lovely Motel 6. Dinner will probably be barbecue at the Red Chimney, and that will be it for the day, unless we stroll along the walkway beside the Pecos River as it flows through town.

Wednesday morning, you're on your own to drive back to Santa Fe (and back to work). Everybody has to fit into the Beluga because I have to stay in town that day for the WIPP Quarterly meeting. I'll be driving back Wednesday evening and will be back in the office on Thursday.

I'll provide some easy reading material to provide preliminary orientation, and will be more than happy to answer questions before the trip, as well as on the drive down, as they relate to WIPP.