

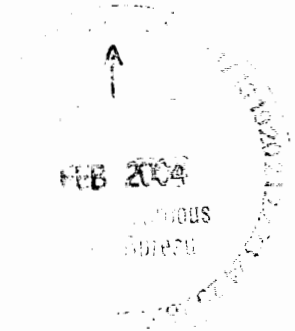


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February 10, 2004

Ms. Sandra Martin
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials
2905 Rodeo Park Dr., Bldg. 1
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Dear Ms. Martin:

The Western Office of the Institute for Regulatory Science (RSI) located in Carlsbad, New Mexico, would like to invite you to attend a Public Information Meeting regarding the proposed modifications to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). In order to accommodate as many members of the public as possible, please note that we have made provisions for the same workshop to be held at three different times at the following two locations:

Tuesday, February 17, 2004 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Skeen-Whitlock Building
4021 National Parks Highway
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220
Telephone: (505) 234-7200

Thursday, February, 19, 2004 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Courtyard by Marriott
Thursday, February, 19, 2004 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 3347 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507
Telephone: (505) 473-2800

These meetings are organized by RSI as a public service for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office and Washington TRU Solutions LLC. The purpose of these meetings is to present several proposed modifications to an audience consisting of members of the public—especially stakeholders—and solicit their input through comments and questions.

For your convenience, we have enclosed the following:

- Tentative Agenda
- Fact Sheets on WIPP Draft Permit Modification Requests, provided by DOE



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Please contact Wren Prather-Stroud at the Western Office of RSI at (505) 887-5500; or email at wpratherstroud@NARS.org for additional details of this Public Information Meeting . You may also visit our web site at www.NARS.org, contact Sharon D. Jones at RSI at (301) 596-1700; or e-mail at sjones@NARS.org for general information on RSI activities .

Please note that complete Draft Permit Modifications Requests can be found on the WIPP web site at www.wipp.ws/rcradox/rfc/com_menu.htm. For additional information on the Draft Permit Modification Requests contact Bobby St. John at Washington TRU Solutions at (800) 336-9477.

We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to obtain information and provide your input on this important subject by attending this event.

Sincerely,


Wren Prather-Stroud
Manager, Western Office

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Enclosures

Institute for Regulatory Science
Public Information Meeting
Proposed WIPP Permit Modifications

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Description of the Permit Modifications

WIPP Project Team

- Upgrade Waste Conveyance Car
- Addition of Drum Age Criteria (DAC) for New Containers
- Container Management Improvements
- Revisions to Current WIPP Waste Analysis Plan

Discussion

WIPP Project Team
and Stakeholders

Adjournment