



PUBLIC INFORMATION AND INPUT ON WIPP

EPA is committed to public consultation:

- Providing clear and complete information
- Creating opportunities for public input
- Responding to concerns voiced by members of the public or stakeholder groups.

Get The Information You Need

1. **Check the EPA Website.** EPA will make sure that key information is available on its WIPP Website. You can also contact EPA in one of the ways below.
2. **Call the EPA WIPP Information Line** at 1-800-331-WIPP (1-800-331-9477) to obtain information on upcoming events or to leave a question.
3. **E-mail us at** radiation.questions@epa.gov.
4. **Join the EPA WIPP-NEWS E-mail Service.** To ensure that you are receiving the most up-to-date information, we encourage all interested parties to sign up for our WIPP-NEWS e-mail service by visiting our website. EPA will send out periodic announcements through WIPP-NEWS whenever there is any significant WIPP-related information to report.
5. **Access Paper Documents at EPA Dockets.** All public documents can be viewed at EPA's Dockets in Washington, DC, Carlsbad, NM, Santa Fe, NM, and Albuquerque, NM. These fact sheets are located in Air Docket No. A-98-49, Item II-B1-5.
6. **Use Department of Energy Information Resources.** Questions about WIPP can also be directed to the DOE WIPP Information Center by phone at 1-800-336-9477 or by email at infocntr@wipp.ws. Additional information can be found on the DOE WIPP website at www.wipp.ws.

EPA Response to Public Input on Recertification

In May 2004, EPA officially opened the public comment period on the Department of Energy's Recertification Application. EPA requested comments on the completeness and adequacy of DOE's recertification application. The comment period remained open until December 2005, 45 days after EPA issued its completeness determination.

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EPA Conducts Continuing Activities to Inspect and Oversee WIPP Activities



What EPA Will Do

- Conduct regular inspections of the WIPP site, as well as the waste generator sites
- Evaluate any changes to the activities and conditions at WIPP
- Keep the public informed about WIPP activities through our website, emails and meetings



What the Public Can Do

- Regularly check website/ WIPP-NEWS email alert/WIPP Information Line for meeting announcements, new information, and other news
- Call, email, or fax EPA staff with any questions or comments
- Public comment periods on proposed waste generator site approval decisions will be announced on the web, WIPP-NEWS email alert, and WIPP Information Line

EPA received public comments on both the completeness and technical adequacy of DOE's first recertification application. In general, these comments addressed issues concerning the waste inventory, the performance assessment and karst. Public comments led EPA to request additional information and analyses from DOE and to perform a re-evaluation of karst information. EPA addressed public comments in the relevant Certification Application Review Documents, or CARDS, and the Technical Support Documents, or TSDs, that support EPA's recertification decision. Both the CARDS and TSDs are available from the EPA WIPP website or docket.

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