



**New Mexico Environment Department  
Hazardous Waste Bureau  
WIPP Group**

**119<sup>TH</sup> WIPP QUARTERLY MEETING**

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
July 19, 2012

# NMED HWB Mission

The Hazardous Waste Bureau's (HWB's) mission is to provide **regulatory oversight and technical guidance** to New Mexico hazardous waste generators and treatment, storage, and disposal facilities as required by the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act [HWA; Chapter 74, Article 4 NMSA 1978] and regulations promulgated under the Act. New Mexicans will then be assured that **hazardous waste is managed**, and contaminated sites are cleaned up, **in a manner that is safe and protective of human health and the environment**. HWB also ensures abandoned hazardous substances are handled on an emergency basis, and lessens the resulting hazards that may present endangerment to humans.

# Permit Activities

- Class 1 Permit Modification
  - May 4, 2012 – Various Editorial Changes  
Approved May 4, 2012 (changes to permit were made May 8, 2012)
- Class 1 Permit Modification
  - May 25, 2012 – Update Emergency Coordinator Address and Phone Number  
Approved May 30, 2012 (changes to permit were made June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012)

- Class 1\* Permit Modification (requires prior approval from NMED)
  - June 27, 2012- Changes Related to Operations Control of the WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility  
Likely to be approved in August 2012
- Class 2 Permit Modification
  - July 6, 2012 - Addition of Shielded Container Permittees' 60 day comment period in session  
Comment period ends on Monday, September 10, 2012

# Audit and Surveillance Activities

## Completed:

- April 9-12, 2012 – WTS QA Audit in Carlsbad
- April 17-19, 2012 – Ventilation Surveillance, Carlsbad
- April 24-26, 2012 – Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory (BAPL)/CCP Closeout Audit, Carlsbad
- May 15-17, 2012 – Hanford/CCP Recertification/Closeout Audit in Carlsbad
- June 11-14, 2012 - Idaho Falls (INL)/CCP Analytical Labs Recertification Audit and INL/CCP Recertification Audit in Idaho Falls

# Audit and Surveillance Activities

## Upcoming:

- July 24-26, 2012 - LANL/CCP Recertification Audit
- August 7-9, 2012 - Sandia National Labs (SNL)/CCP Closeout Audit
- August 28-30, 2012 - Argonne National Labs (ANL)/CCP Recertification Audit
- October 16-18, 2012 - Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) Recertification Audit
- November 6-8, 2012 - Savannah River Site (SRS)/CCP Recertification Audit

# Audit Reports

- Savannah River Site (SRS)/CCP CH A-12-02
  - NMED received April 26, 2012; NMED approved on May 23, 2012
- NMED waiting for:
  - ORNL/CCP A-12-08
  - BAPL/CCP A-12-10
  - Hanford/CCP A-12-11
  - INL/CCP A-12-13
  - INL/CCP Labs A-12-14

# Notifications

None for this quarter.



# Other Activities

- April 20, 2012: DOE announced new WIPP contractor, Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC, to take over October 1, 2012
- June 7, 2012: Permittees conducted pre-submittal meeting for Shielded Container in Albuquerque
- July 8-10, 2012: Secretary Martin and Trais Kliphuis traveled to Idaho to tour the AMWTP and observe the super-compacter
- July 16-20, 2012: Ricardo Maestas is in Denver taking part in a RCRA training
- August 16, 2012: NMED will attend the Permittees public meeting in Santa Fe regarding Class 2 Shielded Container