

**HSS Independent Activity Report - Rev. 0****Report Number:** HIAR-WIPP-2011-09-07**Site:** Waste Isolation Pilot Plant**Subject:** Office of Enforcement and Oversight's Office of Safety and Emergency Management Evaluations Activity Report for the Orientation Visit to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant**Dates of Activity :** 09/07/2011**Report Preparer:** Joseph P. Drago**Activity Description/Purpose:**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Enforcement and Oversight, within the Office of Health, Safety and Security (HSS), conducted an orientation visit to the DOE Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) and the nuclear facility at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) at Carlsbad, NM, on September 7, 2011. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the nuclear safety oversight strategy, describe the site lead program, increase HSS personnel's operational awareness of the site's activities, and identify specific activities that HSS can perform to carry out its independent oversight and mission support responsibilities.

During the visit, the Deputy Director for Oversight briefed the CBFO Manager, Senior Technical Advisor, Site Operations Director, Environment, Safety and Health Director, Authorization Basis Engineer, Nuclear Safety Engineer, Quality Assurance Director, and Facility Representatives on the site lead program. The Authorization Basis Engineer provided an overview of WIPP/CBFO nuclear safety program and emergency management program.

Staff from CBFO and the Washington TRU Solutions, LLC (WTS), the Management and Operating contractor, provided the Deputy Director for Oversight and the newly appointed HSS site lead with tours of above ground and underground facilities. The WIPP facility is classified as a DOE nonreactor nuclear category 2 facility. The tour gave the site lead the opportunity to interact with senior staff and increase knowledge of current activities and planned operations at each of the facilities.

**Result:**

The goals of the orientation visit were accomplished. The site lead met key personnel and obtained an operational awareness of the facilities. The site lead has obtained copies of the safety basis documents for the facilities, and has requested additional documentation, such as next year's assessment schedule.

**HSS Participants**

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**References**

1. Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Documented Safety Analysis.
2. Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Technical Safety Requirements.

Were there any items for HSS follow up?  Yes  No**HSS Follow Up Items**

- None