



agreed not to hold a hearing on the permit. Instead, the department will publish the WIPP permit containing the agreed-upon conditions on August 15. The final renewal permit will be issued in October with an effective date 30 days later.

According to the NMED, in addition to prioritizing the disposal of in-state legacy waste at WIPP, including from Los Alamos National Laboratory, the settlement agreement contains the following conditions:

- A full and transparent inventory of legacy waste around the United States for ultimate disposal at WIPP through a new report that provides for stakeholder input.
- Waste shipments to WIPP can be suspended if there is evidence of a threat to human health or the environment.
- A final facility footprint to accompany any request for new storage panels beyond the two panels authorized in the renewal permit.
- A permit revocation and reissuance process should Congress increase the storage



The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, near Carlsbad, N.M. (Photo: DOE)

capacity at WIPP or expand the types of wastes accepted at the facility.

- The requirement that the DOE document progress in siting another geologic repository in a state other than New Mexico through a new annual report.

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