

Statement of Purpose

The Western Governors' Association (WGA) Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Transportation Technical Advisory Group (Technical Advisory Group), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), developed this *WIPP Transportation Safety Program Implementation Guide* (Guide). It presents the overall transportation issues, objectives, approaches and procedures which were agreed to by Western corridor state Governors and DOE through Memorandums of Agreement signed in 1995, 2003, and 2009. These issues, objectives, approaches and procedures govern the conduct of the highway transportation of transuranic waste through Western states.

This Guide is based upon WGA policy resolutions, enhanced safety standards, DOE orders and guidelines, and carrier contract agreements. It includes procedures developed cooperatively by the Technical Advisory Group and the DOE Carlsbad Field Office (DOE-CBFO).

The Guide was prepared with assistance provided through the DOE–WGA Cooperative Agreement. WGA, through its Technical Advisory Group, provides a forum in which Western corridor states, DOE-CBFO, and DOE Headquarters staff work cooperatively to coordinate the implementation of program procedures and activities focused on the safe and uneventful transportation of transuranic waste.

This Guide and its supporting documents address accident prevention, shipment security, emergency response preparedness, medical preparedness, public information, and route designation. WGA, Western corridor states, DOE-CBFO, and DOE Headquarters prepared specific procedures to implement the principles and objectives. These are referenced at the end of each section and are available upon request.

The WGA, Western corridor states, DOE-CBFO, and DOE Headquarters will bi-annually evaluate the procedures and standards contained in this Guide. As part of this evaluation, these procedures and standards will be considered as either Operational or Policy revisions. Operational revisions are routine administrative changes to keep the Guide current (e.g., updating appendices, reference material, lists, due dates, etc.); correcting typographical errors; changes to the identification of "Lead States"; correction of factual errors and correcting out-of-date and/or irrelevant information contained in the Guide. These changes and updates may be made and approved at any time by the WGA WIPP Program Manager and the DOE-CBFO Institutional Affairs Manager. Policy revisions consist of changes made to The Issue, The Objective and The Approach, of each section and adding or deleting sections in the WIPP Guide. These changes will require written agreement of the WGA Executive Director and the DOE-CBFO Manager. If there is not an agreement that the change or update is warranted, the issue will be elevated within WGA and DOE. Procedures and standards will be revised as necessary to reflect the changing environment during the thirty-year shipping campaign. The WGA will provide updated materials to participating Western state officials, the DOE-CBFO, the DOE Headquarters, and other appropriate organizations.