

WIPPTREX PLANNING PROCEDURES

The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Transportation Exercise (WIPPTREX) program is designed to determine the local and state response capabilities to a WIPP incident/accident. A series of training courses and exercise activities build upon each other to increase technical skills.

Six Exercises are scheduled to be conducted annually. Two in New Mexico (WIPPTRAX), Two on the INEEL/RFETS corridor and two along the Savanna River shipment route (WIPPTREX). The first WIPPTREX was conducted in October, 1992, in Raton, New Mexico. Since that time, seventeen WIPPTREX/WIPPTRAX have been conducted.

The following outlines the specifics for a WIPPTREX/WIPPTRAX.

- a. Approximately six months prior to the exercise, a planning meeting is held with the state or tribe and DOE to coordinate location, date, scenario, tabletop, functional, and full scale exercises, and future meetings.
- b. Five scenarios are available for exercise use. The state/tribal government may select the scenario most appropriate for the area. Modifications of a scenario, coordinated with DOE, are acceptable. Westinghouse which facilitates this program for the DOE, provides copies of time lines, exercise rules, input cards, and other administrative items as necessary.
- c. At least one tabletop exercise is conducted with all participants prior to the full scale WIPPTREX. The state/tribe is encouraged to conduct additional table tops, drills, and functional exercises as needed in preparation for the full scale events. Assistance in planning, organizing, conducting and evaluating these events is available from Westinghouse.
- d. One functional drill with the WIPP transporter and drivers may be conducted prior to the WIPPTREX. The state and or tribal planners/organizers are encouraged to conduct additional local drills and training sessions without the WIPP transporter and drivers.
- e. The state/tribal WIPP coordinator must request in writing the WIPP transporter and drivers for all exercise and training activities. A special form is provided for this purpose.
- f. A DOE Radiological Assistance Program (RAP) Team may participate in the WIPPTREX. The drivers, if not precluded by the exercise scenario, will call the WIPP Central Monitoring Room (CMR) and the state law enforcement agency to start the exercise. The CMR will then notify the DOE-Albuquerque Operations Center (ALOC). All other DOE functions will be simulated by a small DOE control cell.
- g. DOE, state, tribal, and local exercise controllers will perform their functions jointly, using a master scenario events list. The exercise is intended to be a training tool, allowing all participating agencies and activities the opportunity to validate specific objectives relative to the scenario. DOE evaluators will not evaluate local activities or agencies.
- h. Exercise participants will be offered emergency response training prior to the exercise. This WIPP specific training will be on the Awareness and Operational levels and is intended for Fire, Law Enforcement, and Emergency Medical personnel who will respond in a First Responder or Incident Command capacity.
- i. A thorough critique will follow each WIPPTREX within 24 hours to ensure pertinent issues are not lost. A state or tribal exercise report will document the WIPPTREX.

The WIPPTREX can be an effective learning experience for all participants. Coordination between the state or tribe and DOE is essential. Points of contact for all exercises involving WIPP resources are Tim Sweeney, (505) 234-7350, for DOE, or Jim Ammons, (505) 234-7507, for Westinghouse. Please inform them well in advance for change requests.

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