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WIPP Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
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Carlsbad Field Office Manager To Receive Dixy Lee Ray Award

Dr. Inés Triay, manager of the U.S. Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office, will receive this year's Dixy Lee Ray Award in recognition of her significant contributions to environmental protection.



The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) award was established in 1998 to honor Dr. Dixy Lee Ray, former Washington state governor, last chairperson of the Atomic Energy Commission, and well known advocate for technologies that serve humanity.

Announcing the 2003 award recipient, Virgil Carter, executive director of ASME International, said Dr. Triay will be honored for her outstanding scientific, engineering and managerial contributions to resolving the national issue of transuranic waste disposal. Specifically, Carter cited Dr. Triay's "pioneering" efforts to accelerate disposal of the nation's transuranic wastes, thus reducing the risk to human health and the environment posed by long-term, above-ground storage of such wastes.

The award – a \$1000 honorarium, bronze medal, a certificate and two-day travel supplement – will be presented to Dr. Triay during the American Society of Mechanical Engineers International Mechanical Engineering Congress in Washington, D.C. this fall.

A Brief History About WIPP

The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, or WIPP, is the world's first underground repository licensed to safely and permanently dispose of transuranic radioactive waste left from the research and production of

Carlsbad Field Office Tribal Program

Shipments to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) travel through 10 Native American Reservations along the transportation routes. The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office's (CBFO) Tribal Program enhances the safe transportation of transuranic waste shipments to WIPP across tribal lands, while strengthening tribes' capabilities where they have jurisdiction.



Agreements are used to provide funds annually for use in preparing for transportation related emergencies, according to each tribe's own identified needs and goals. The agreements also serve as two-way conduits, promoting participation in DOE's decision-making relating to transuranic waste transportation activities.

Cooperative agreements are now in place with eight tribal governments and CBFO intends to continue working in partnership with other tribal governments that may be impacted by the transportation of transuranic waste to WIPP.

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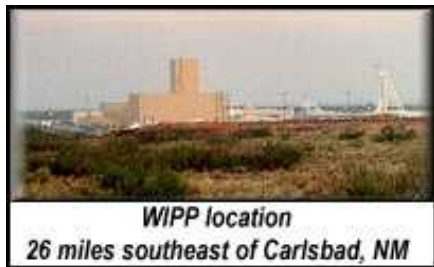
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nuclear weapons. After more than 20 years of scientific study, public input, and regulatory struggles, WIPP began operations on March 26, 1999.



Located in the remote Chihuahuan Desert of Southeastern New Mexico, project facilities include disposal rooms mined 2,150 feet underground in a 2,000-foot thick salt formation that has been stable for more than 200 million years.



Transuranic waste is currently stored at 23 locations nationwide. Over a 35 year period, WIPP is expected to receive about 19,000 shipments.

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