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WIPP Engineers Are Heading Back to School To Commemorate ‘National Engineers Week’

CARLSBAD, N.M., February 20, 2017 -- Engineers representing Nuclear Waste Partnership (NWP), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) contractor at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), will be going back to school this week, not for continuing education, but as part of the 2017 National Engineers Week commemoration.

The WIPP engineers will continue a tradition that was started in 2000, but was interrupted the last two years due to WIPP’s recovery and restart of operations activities. The engineers will be performing demonstrations and talking to students in elementary and high schools in Carlsbad, Hobbs and Loving, encouraging them to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

“With the safe restart of WIPP behind us, we can now focus more attention on supporting our communities and showcasing the talent that we have at WIPP,” Phil Breidenbach, WIPP President and Project Manager, stated. “Giving back to the community is something we have done in the past and how we have the opportunity to continue that tradition. Our engineers are some of the best people in the profession and I am sure they will add substantially to observing National Engineers Week.”

Participating engineers include Curtis Chester, David Ploetz, Randy Fadeley, Dennis Huddleston, Daniel Staber, Jesse McAvoy, Kyle Moyant, Luis Santana, Juan Olivarria, Anthony Brown, Jennifer Cottingham, William Till, Raymond DeRienzo, Laura Garcia, Tim Goodwin, Boyd Daniels, Hector Jimenez, Scott Burns and Jonatan Torres.

National Engineers Week was founded in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers to ensure a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce. The week is held annually around the birthday of President George Washington. A military engineer and land surveyor, Washington is commonly remembered as the nation’s first engineer.

NWP is the management and operations contractor for DOE at WIPP, which is located 26 miles east of Carlsbad in southeastern New Mexico. WIPP’s mission is to safely and permanently dispose of transuranic radioactive waste left from the nation’s research and development of nuclear weapons.