Proposed Change to MgO Emplacement

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MgO History

• Feb 11, 2008 Reyes to Moody letter
  – Maintain 1.2 Excess Factor by room
  – Reactivity 96% ± 2 mole % (>94%)

• Historic Room Excess Factors range from 1.22 to 2.85.
MgO Emplacement Process

• Process will ensure MgO is emplaced based on CPR content.
  – Excess Factor, as a function of CPR, calculated at the end of each shift.
  – Depending on disposed waste stream, emplacement scheme may vary.
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• Primary Emplacement Options to be Determined:
  – Placement will be consistent with previous MgO reduction PCR analyses.
    • Every other row
    • Every Row
• WTS Operations is developing an emplacement procedure.
DOE Plans

• Notify EPA of this change in WIPP’s next Annual Change Report [4(b)(4)], to be issued in November 2012 (covering the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012).