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## Washington TRU Solutions News

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### Washington TRU Solutions Works 2 Million Safe Hours

**CARLSBAD, N.M., August 11, 2004** – On August 9, employees of Washington TRU Solutions LLC (WTS) achieved 2 million work-hours without a day-away-from-work accident or injury. WTS is the management and operating contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).

The company has not had a day-away-from-work injury since October 2002. WTS General Manager Steve Warren said, "Congratulations go to our employees who work safely every day, on every job. I am extremely proud of their performance. Safety, not schedules, always comes first at WIPP."

In addition, the WTS recordable injury rate – based on Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards that calculate the number of injuries and hours worked – is at its lowest in company history. The current WTS rate is 0.61 compared to 7.3 for industry.

WTS has earned numerous safety records throughout the years. In October 2004, WTS will celebrate 10 years as a DOE Voluntary Protection Program "Star" site for demonstrating outstanding protection of employee safety and health, the first DOE contractor to achieve this milestone.

WTS has also been named "Mine Operator of the Year" by the New Mexico State Inspector of Mines and the New Mexico Mining Association for 17 years in a row for its consistent record of mining safety.

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WTS has managed WIPP, the nation's first permanent geologic repository for defense nuclear waste, for 20 years. Washington Group International of Boise, Idaho, is the parent company of WTS.

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