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## Washington TRU Solutions News

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### Washington TRU Solutions Works 1 Million Safe Hours

**CARLSBAD, N.M., August 3, 2005** – On July 21, employees of Washington TRU Solutions LLC (WTS) achieved 1 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 August 25, 2004. WTS General Manager Dick Raaz said, "I congratulate our employees who think responsibly for themselves and their coworkers each day and on every job. I am extremely proud of their safety performance."

In May, WIPP project employees, which include DOE and subcontract employees, passed the 1 million safe work-hour mark without a day-away-from-work accident or injury.

WTS has earned numerous safety records throughout the years. In October 2004, WTS celebrated 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 18 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 21 years. WTS parent company, Washington Group International of Boise, Idaho, was among 17 companies chosen as America's safest in 2004. The company was selected by Occupational Hazards, the leading magazine of safety, health and loss prevention, for outstanding commitment to workplace safety.