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DOE Releases WIPP Technical Assessment Team (TAT) Report

The TAT was established to look at the technical and chemical issues associated with the radiological release as a result of February 14, 2014 incident at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The TAT was charged with determining to the extent feasible the mechanisms and chemical reactions that may have resulted in the breach of at least one waste drum and release of waste material.

The TAT concluded that one drum, Drum 68660, was the source of radioactive contamination released during the February 14, 2014, radiological event at WIPP. The contents of Drum 68660 were chemically incompatible and the drum breached as a result of internal chemical reactions.

The TAT report and an associated fact sheet will be available here: <http://energy.gov/em/waste-isolation-pilot-plant-wipp-recovery>.

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