

DINNER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT (venue change)

"WIPP and a bright future"

Speaker: **James (Ed) Garza**, Assistant Manager for WIPP Operations,
EM Carlsbad Field Office, DOE

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Place: **Courtyard by Marriott, Santa Fe**
3347 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM (505-473-2800)

Directions: From Albuquerque, take I-25 North approximately 55 miles to Exit 278 (Cerrillos Road). Hotel is located 3 miles on the left-hand side of Cerrillos Road at Richards Avenue.

Date: **November 30, 2018**

Time: **6:00** Social Hour with Cash Bar
7:00 Buffet Dinner (pasta bar including cheese tortellini, fettuccine, grilled chicken and mixed vegetables)
7:45 Speaker

Cost: \$35 per person (pre-paid by web sign-up in advance);
\$40 per person (not pre-paid, at the door);
\$15 for students and children

We strongly encourage you to sign up and pay for this event by 26 Nov using the ANS Trinity PayPal payment account. Visit the "Calendar" page of our web site (<http://local.ans.org/trinity/calendar.html>) and select the appropriate payment button. You may use any credit card and do NOT need to have your own PayPal account to make the payment.

RSVP: If you do not use on-line payment, please RSVP no later than 26 Nov to:
Suzanne Dennis: suzanne.dennis16@gmail.com (301-415-7000) or
Travis Trahan: travistrahan@gmail.com (505-695-5078).

RSVP must be received by 26 Nov in order to give final numbers to the caterers. While we strongly encourage everyone to use on-line payment to sign up and prepay, an RSVP is a commitment to attend/pay at the door. We cannot afford "no shows" after the final count is given to the caterers, as the Section is partially subsidizing the cost of this event. If you cancel after 26 Nov, you will still be responsible for paying.

“WIPP and a bright future”

Abstract: I will be discussing the current status of the operation at WIPP including the many improvements we are making to WIPP’s infrastructure. I will discuss the two major Capital projects we have in the works within the next year, and I will be discussing the plans for the mining of additional drifts and panels at WIPP to meet the needs of the DOE complex into the currently proposed end date.



Biography: JAMES (ED) GARZA

Mr. Garza is the Assistant Manager of the Office of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) for the Carlsbad Field Office at WIPP. He is responsible for all operations at the WIPP site. Mr. Garza has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Texas Tech University. He has 30 years of nuclear industry experience within the DOE complex.

Mr. Garza worked at the Advanced Test Reactor (ATR) at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) in operations from 1988 till 2006. Mr. Garza was a Shift Supervisor of one of the ATR operating crews and also held the positions of Outage Coordinator, Emergency

Action Manager, Lead Nuclear Simulator Instructor and Nuclear Training Supervisor for Operations and Technical staff.

Mr. Garza joined the Department of Energy in November of 2006 as a Facility Representative and performed oversight at all EM facilities at the INL. Mr. Garza was twice selected as the Idaho DOE-EM Facility Representative of the Year. In 2014 Mr. Garza became the Senior Facility Representative at the Advanced Test Reactor. While at ATR, he was deployed on two occasions to WIPP to assist with the initial stages of recovery following their fire and contamination events of 2014. Mr. Garza joined the CBFO team in Jan of 2015 as the Facility Oversight Division Director building a new FR Program and oversight processes for the CBFO. In August of 2016, Mr. Garza was asked to be the Acting Assistant Manager of the Office of WIPP. Mr. Garza successfully guided the CBFO through the DOE Operational Readiness Review for the restart of waste emplacement and the restart of waste shipping to WIPP. In Feb of 2018, Mr. Garza was selected permanently to be the Assistant Manager of the Office of WIPP.

Mr. Garza’s expertise is in nuclear operations and oversight. Since 2006, he has have provided oversight and directed offices in the coordination of oversight at multiple DOE sites including the INL, the Separations Processing Recovery Unit (SPRU) site in Niskayuna, New York and WIPP. His expertise includes all areas of Conduct of Operations, Industrial Hygiene, Radiological Controls, Fire Protection, Nuclear Safety, Technical Safety Requirements, Configuration Management, ISMS, Industrial Safety, OSHA, Code of Federal Regulation, Life Safety Code, Hoisting and Rigging, RCRA, CERCLA, TSCA, Quality Assurance, Environmental Compliance, Criticality Safety, Contractor Assurance and Training and recently MSHA.

Mr. Garza goes by Ed to all who know him. He is a rabid Texas Tech football fan, a former trainer of Arabian show horses, very nearly a scratch golfer and an expert skier.