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## **SRS Completes Transuranic Waste Shipment to WIPP**

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The first transuranic waste shipment of the year from the Savannah River Site arrived at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, N.M. This is SRS' first shipment since WIPP reopened for shipments in January 2017.

"We are excited to begin shipments to WIPP and ship transuranic waste out of South Carolina," said Jack Craig, DOE Savannah River Operations Office Manager. "It took a concerted effort, not just at SRS, but DOE wide, to ensure all people, processes, and materials were safe and ready to ship."

This is the first of eight shipments planned for SRS in 2017. WIPP plans to receive two shipments a week, ramping up to four shipments a week by the end of 2017.

Eligibility for shipping is based on the generator sites verifying the TRU waste meets requirements for safe transportation and disposal. The exact allocation and sequence for shipping will be adjusted based on the emplacement rate at WIPP, operational needs at the WIPP and generator sites, and logistical issues, such as weather, that effect shipping.