

# **Sandia National Labs – WIPP Funds Administration**

KHNP Training Program

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# The National Scene

- Budget Cycle
  - Presidents Request to Congress -- Spring
  - Congressional Action – Ideally before the end of the Fiscal Year.
    - Appropriation is the law of the land -- Annually
    - May or may not be what the President requested
    - Politics play a central role
  - Spending Re-starts on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Continuing Resolution most years – Can last until the spring

# DOE

- If Congressional language is specific (i.e. Give this much to WIPP) then the executive branch must comply.
- May change the appropriation slightly, but not much.
- There are audits of this process
- “Earmarks” (Approved by Congress) are an interesting side note

# Congressional Spending

- Elected officials like to get elected again.
- They spend money in their own regions of the country.
- Sometimes these “special projects” have an unintended effect. They can take away money from the greater good.
- Carlsbad is a good example. The federal government gives to the local economy, and sometimes, the WIPP budget goes down as a result



# Balance

- Budgets are based on what we spent last year and what we think we will spend this year. These are submitted to DOE in the form of Activity Based Costing (ABC) Sheets in the spring.
- They include an estimate of how many people we will employ, at what rates, and what material.
- They take into consideration the scope of work anticipated for the coming year.
- One never receives more than one asks for.

# ABC Sheets

- Done in the spring for the following fiscal year.
- Prepared by the technical and financial staff, signed off by SNL CPG management, and by the DOE Counterpart for that element.
- Form the basis for the presidents budget submittal for WIPP.
- Reviewed, revised and approval during the prior year
- Can include milestones, deliverable products and other costs (facilities, materials, subcontract labor).



# Rolling Up ABC Sheets

- These are all entered into a spreadsheet tool that allows analysis of all WIPP participants at the lowest level of the WBS.
- Negotiations take place when Congress appropriates less than what our collective estimate is.
- They include dollars for other regulatory agencies (i.e. EPA).