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Carlsbad Field Office.

According to Bechtel, WIPP has surpassed its waste shipment targets every year since the start of the contract, reaching its 1,000th shipment earlier in 2025. The company added that its SIMCO team delivered major infrastructure upgrades, ensured uninterrupted waste processing, and completed more than 2 million safe work hours in 2025 with no lost-time incidents.

According to the DOE, the decision to extend SIMCO's M&O contract followed a comprehensive performance review, highlighting the following achievements:

■ **Safety leadership**—SIMCO has demonstrated a commitment to safely and compliantly delivering the mission, operating without a recordable injury since February 2025.

■ **Operational excellence**—SIMCO exceeded shipping goals for three consecutive years.

■ **Infrastructure success**—SIMCO delivered two major projects ahead of schedule and under budget: the new underground air filtration and ventilation system and a utility shaft. The company also refurbished the salt pocket and completed multiple site improvements.

“Bechtel’s close partnership with DOE, our strong safety culture, and delivery focus has enabled us to lay the groundwork for safe, compliant, and effective operations at WIPP for decades to come,” said Ben Souther, Bechtel’s general manager of environmental and security. “The progress we’ve made over the past three years under SIMCO is a true credit to our people who continue to drive safe, smart solutions at WIPP.”

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