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Therefore, the total number of jobs both directly and indirectly created through the operation phase will be about 1400. This increased job-level is expected to be achieved during 1984. Between 1982 (the last full year of construction) and 1984 (the first full year of operation) employment adjustments in the quantity of people directly connected to the project, and the types of occupations required by the project will have to take place. During the construction phase some 529 jobs, on an average annual basis, were created directly by construction activity. The continual construction activity in the operation phase is expected to employ only 40 people. Therefore, a loss of slightly less than 500 positions is expected in construction-related trades.

The mining effort runs concurrently with the construction phase and the operation phase of the WIPP project. However, during the construction phase 193 persons will be employed in that effort while only about 75 people will be employed in the mining effort during the operation phase.

Under the operation phase the types of occupations and skills required may dictate that from 150 to as high as 170 jobs will be filled by individuals not currently in the area. The shuffling of population due to losses of construction jobs, mining jobs and increases of operation jobs, will result in a net population decrease of those individuals directly and indirectly connected with the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant project.

It is expected in 1983 that the out-migration of slightly more than 400 individuals will occur because of the construction-to-operation shift. In 1984 it is estimated that just less than 300 individuals will migrate out of the area who were either directly or indirectly connected with the Waste