

1.1 EMPLOYMENT AND POPULATION continued

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Isolation Pilot Plant construction. It is interesting to note that during the 1982-1984 period the population figures for Carlsbad will remain constant at approximately 33,000, while the other areas within Eddy County will continue a slight growth pattern due to natural increase and other activities in the area. The effect on Lea County of the change from the construction to operation phase is expected to be a net loss of approximately 100 individuals.

1.2 PERSONAL INCOME

During the 1979-1982 construction period, it is expected that a total of more than \$43.1 million will flow directly into wages and salaries from the construction of the plant. In addition to this amount of money, slightly more than \$31 million will be derived in wages and salaries from those businesses indirectly affected by the construction.

Personal income derived from interest, dividends and rent is expected to increase nearly \$16.4 million during the four-year period. A total of about \$90.6 million is expected to be derived both directly and indirectly in the private sector, due to the construction of the WIPP Project during the 1979-1982 period with some spillover into 1983. In the public sector, nearly \$11 million in personal income will be derived because of the increased activity in the area and additional government employment required for support. Thus, total personal income added to the area during the construction phase of the WIPP project is expected to be \$101.6 million spread