Comments on Proposed Class 2 Modifications
To the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit
For the U.S. Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

My understanding is that, during the original permit hearings, NMED rejected DOE'S proposal to mix approved waste and waste 'self-regulated' by the DOE in the same room. The permit condition was considered to be essential to protect the safety of the workers at WIPP and to preserve the environment. Suddenly, behind closed doors, NMED has made a 180° turn and is allowing the very language requested by DOE but rejected during the permit hearings. This is not, in my opinion, a Class 1 modification. Many New Mexicans, including myself, would have objected loud and clear if we had known about it.

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