

**Subject: WIPP permit modificaton process**

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I have been out of town and understand that the deadline for public comments regarding WIPP permit modifications was June 8. I still want to register my concern for the process of approving a major and controversial change in the permit as a Class 1 modification which does not allow public participation, comment, or even notification. It is unacceptable for DOE and the NMED to bypass public participation on such an important issue. During the original permit hearings the NMED stated that keeping waste approved under the permit in separate rooms from DOE self-regulated waste was necessary to protect human health and the environment. I agree. Any modification of this permit regulation should have been at least a Class 2. Please do not compromise the rights, health, and safety of the people and land of New Mexico. Thank you.

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