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We continue to support the Department of Energy's proposed modification. At the public meeting I attended in Santa Fe there appeared to be two sides to the issue of the time allowed to store containers aboveground at WIPP.

We support the DOE's request to be allowed to store waste without a time limit. However, whatever NMED and the Department of Energy negotiate on this point, it appears imperative that NMED allow sufficient storage time to account for such areas as data verification and validation; drum age criteria and waste certification.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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