Dear Mr. Zappr.

These proposals, Clause 3 permit changes to the existing agreement are a very bad idea. As usual, DOE misrepresents reality and uses its massive funds to exploit every opportunity to expand its immense power.

What would be the point of even trying to "categorize" or "characterize" any waste at Carlsbad. After it has been shipped all the way from Brookings or Aargen or some distant site, will it be sent back if it does not meet the WIPP WAT? What are the DOT Regs? Where, will unsuitable waste be sent?

If the drums get to Carlsbad and are opened or x-rayed to find corrosion and rust, will they be stored above ground forever with no time limit? Of course the NRC inspectors who are supposed to oversee DOE's waste handling at the state's facilities are already corrupt and overlook any violations, and this will only make a bad system worse.
One can & only presume that this is yet another way to work the hit of federal funding for yet another pretense of overseeing unenforceable "regulations". Since the state already lacks the authority or will to impose restrictions over this deadly agency, why not add to this impotence by further de-regulation?

By expanding above ground storage and eliminating the time limit, will DOE keep all all waste that does not meet the WIPP WIP forever in this new de facto storage facility for all explosive, corrosive, etc waste until it melts down or blows up?

Would that direct more federal funds to your agency (men)? Is this the true motive?

I urge you to reject these proposals as they sacrifice New Mexico's health & environment even worse than the mess we already have. Thank you.

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