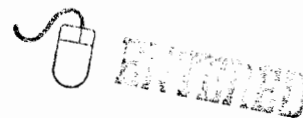


Subject: modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for WIPP

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Dear Mr. Zappe:

Our comments to the DOE proposal of permit modifications at the WIPP site are as follows:

We strongly believe that these modifications change the nature of WIPP to an above ground, open storage area which was never a basis of New Mexico's understanding and acceptance. In fact, in the past, DOE has promised to keep the barrels of waste closed above ground in order to avoid any possibility of spreading hazardous waste across the site.

Sampling and analysis of waste materials should occur at the site that these materials are coming from in order to avoid any possibility of contamination along the route and at the WIPP site above ground. This sampling and analysis should be done by DOE experts and not by written records at the origin of the waste by facilities eager to rid themselves of the problem.

We had hoped to come to the citizen's comment period, but unfortunately medical situations prevent it. Therefore we trust that our strong objections to the proposed changes will be forwarded and included with those of other New Mexican residents.

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