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Dear Mr. Zappe,

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Sorry to say I lost this paper at 5:1 tonight - 9-26-01 and pray you will read and accept these comments, which I started some time ago then set aside.

When I was talking to a man who worked maintenance at a Nuclear power plant, he said that metal deteriorated rapidly when in contact with radioactive elements. Plastic too. All deterioration rates seemed accelerated from normal usage patterns so it exceeded projections. I wonder what kind of scientific data there may be on this phenomenon?

It is reckless endangerment for any waste to be shipped without careful examination of contents and containers. Pitting and corrosion of the bottom of waste containers is perhaps the most common hazard for leakage.

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As is testified during the permit-2-  
hearings, many NEPA waste facilities  
sample the waste at (both) the shipping  
and again at the receiving sites.

This would be the best way to protect  
the safety of all. To put it of the  
confirmation of contents ~~units~~ until  
it arrives at WIPP would not allow  
the facility to prevent contamination  
due to the presence of non permitted  
wastes, will they be repacked and sent back out?

Flamable and explosive wastes would  
pose a particular hazard during  
transport, unloading and sampling.

DOE can make a traveling lab and  
drive it from one waste shipment site  
to another and set up at each to  
prepare to "safely" analyze the content  
of each cask before it "hits the  
road." Please deny this request and  
prevent this facility's creation. It sounds  
like a super fund site in the making.

Love & peace, Bennie Bannette