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Dear Sir,

To stop examining each atomic waste container as it enters New Mexico, for the sake of saving money, is a false economy. The chance, that on the way to WIPP something may go wrong, is small, but if it happens it could be an expensive disaster. I. 25 and I. 40 run through Santa Fe and Albuquerque. Even a small accident could have large consequences.

An accident could bring an ecological and financial catastrophe, causing great harm to both farming and tourism.

LANL developed the technology which makes inspection both safe and fast. Why not use this technology, which was invented at taxpayer's expense, to make all of New Mexico safe. ?

Therefore, stopping the inspection is both dangerous and bad economic policy.

Sincerely,

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