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Steve Zappe  
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Dear Mr. Zappe;

I am very concerned about the shipments of radioactive waste through Albuquerque, and I am especially concerned about the recent shipment of mixed radioactive and explosive wastes through our city.

The potential catastrophe which could occur in the event of an accident with such mixed waste is mind-boggling. An explosion and fire on board a tru-pac transport truck could scatter radioactive debris and fallout across the entire region, poisoning our land air and water. I completely fail to understand the mentality of DOE officials who would permit or attempt to sneak this cargo through a metropolitan area of a half a million people.

I urge you to use your office to stop such transports of mixed waste. And I also urge you to bring the authority of the State of New Mexico to bare by thoroughly scrutinizing the re-certification of the WIPP depository.

Sincerely,

Thomas Powell

