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New Mexico Environment Department  
Attention: Mr. Steve Zappe  
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Re: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Zappe:

This letter is written to protest the Department of Energy re-naming and/or re-classifying high-level waste in order to bring it to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Federal law and regulation explicitly prohibit high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel at WIPP. In fact, during the hearings to establish WIPP in the 1970's the United States Departments of Energy and Transportation and now deceased United States Representative Joe Skeen all promised the residents of Roswell and New Mexico that high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel would never be allowed to be deposited nor stored at WIPP. I know this fact because I attended the many hearings in both Roswell and Carlsbad, New Mexico, and it was reported in the Congressional Record of the United States of America.

To now permit the storage of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel at WIPP is unethical, immoral and in violation of both that promise and federal law.

Therefore, I hereby respectfully request that our elected representatives and the New Mexico Environment Department enforce both federal law and the promise to the citizens of the State of New Mexico to prohibit the permitting and storage of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel at WIPP.

Should you have any question or my position in opposition to the Department of Energy re-naming and/or re-classifying high-level waste in order to bring it to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, New Mexico is unclear for any reason, please so advise.

Respectfully,

  
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