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Mr. Steve Zappe  
New Mexico Environment Department  
Hazardous Waste Bureau  
2905 Rodeo Park Drive, Bldg. E  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505



**Re: Department of Energy Permit Modification**

Dear Mr. Zappe:

As a citizen and resident of New Mexico,

I strongly oppose the permit modifications requested by the DOE which would eliminate the requirement to examine each waste container before it can be shipped to WIPP.

I strongly oppose allowing "hot" remote-handled waste to be transported to WIPP, and

I strongly oppose their request to more than double the amount of waste that can be stored above ground at WIPP.

While I am only one voice, I speak for my entire family including children and grandchildren – who are the ones most likely impacted by these requested changes.

Sincerely,

Katherine W. Oakley

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