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I have the following comments on the proposed WIPP hazardous Waste Permit Modification for the Addition of a Shielded Container.

1. I fully support the proposed modification. Using small shielded containers with simplified emplacement underground will reduce worker industrial safety exposure to the handling of remote-handled TRU waste compared to the currently approved wall emplacement methods in the permit. Using small shielded containers that are never opened and minimally handled will also reduce worker radiological exposure. These industrial and radiological safety enhancements are sufficient to approve the proposed modification.
2. I fully support the proposed permit modification proceeding as a Class 2 Modification. The proposed changes are simple and do not affect the total RH TRU waste volumes limited in the permit. Prudently expediting this modification will hasten the safety benefits derived from its approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,

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