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Please add my comment to the public record regarding the request to utilize a shielded container at the WIPP site in Carlsbad, NM.

As a life-long resident of New Mexico, I fully support the DOE/CBFO and Washington Tru Solutions LLC request to utilize a shielded container for the packaging and safe handling of RH waste. This request will not only expedite the ability of DOE/CBFO and it's M&O contractor to handle and dispose of remote handled (RH) waste, but it will also further protect the WIPP workforce by reducing the potential for exposure to radiation. In my opinion, this is a "no-brainer" decision in that it reduces the amount of time (and money) spent on handling waste by speeding up the process and it promotes a safer work environment for the waste handlers and radiological technicians.

Thank you,

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