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Dear Trais Kliphuis

I have a grave concern re proposed use of "shielded containers." They would expand the space available at WIPP for remote-handled wasted that is very dangerous to transport, store, and of which to dispose. I am totally against that idea. Despite what the Department of Energy says, I don't believe it could possibly be safe. I don't believe that because I think that shielded containers cannot be handled like contact-handled waste. They would be vulnerable to damage and resulting leakage of radioactive substance. It could be catastrophic!

Shielded Containers, as requested, do not meet proper class 2 permit modification standards. I request a public hearing. I also request that shielded containers be a class 3 modification so that there would be more extensive public comment and an opportunity for a hearing.

Sincerely and with hope for your serious consideration of my request,

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