



From: Andrew Gold
To: Kliphuis, Trajs, NMENV
Subject: Concerns about more RH waste at WIPP
Date: Sunday, September 02, 2012 2:18:41 PM

Dr. Mr. Kliphuis,

I am very concerned about the DOE'S request to ship more RH waste to the WIPP site including the substantial increase in the amount of RH waste that would be shipped to WIPP, stored aboveground, and disposed underground. The amount of RH waste in the WIPP inventory is more than 2,000 canisters more than will fit in the remaining designated space.

Further, contrary to what DOE says, shielded containers cannot be handled the same as contact-handled waste. Shielded containers that are damaged or leaking could be too radioactive to be placed in over-pack containers without exposing workers and the public. DOE also plans to use shielded containers for hotter commercial nuclear waste, which requires changing federal law to expand WIPP beyond its legal limit of 175,564 cubic meters of defense plutonium-contaminated transuranic waste. And, shielded containers have never been used.

The Environment Department denied a similar request on January 31, 2012 because of public opposition and the inadequacies of the request.

Please take these concerns into consideration and refuse the DOE'S current request as it has been filed.

Thank you.

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From: [Mona Ruark](#)
To: [Kliphuis, Trais. NMENV](#)
Cc: ccns@nuclearactive.org
Subject: Request to deny DOE's per
Date: Sunday, September 02, 2012 4:22:34 PM

Dear Trais Kliphuis:

I am very concerned about shielded containers. They would expand the space available at WIPP for remote-handled waste that is dangerous to transport, store, and dispose. Despite what the Department of Energy says, shielded containers could not be handled like contact-handled waste because damaged or leaking containers could be too radioactive to over-pack.

The shielded containers request once again is not a proper class 2 permit modification. I request the DOE's permit be denied. If this is not so, then I request a public hearing and that shielded containers be a class 3 modification so that there would be more extensive public comment and an opportunity for a hearing.

Sincerely,

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From: Caitlin Dean
To: Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV
Subject: Public comment: shiping shielded containers to WIPP
Date: Sunday, September 02, 2012 6:32:07 PM

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Forget safety. Live where you fear to live.
Destroy your reputation. Be notorious.
I have tried prudent planning long enough.
From now on, I'll be mad.

- Rumi