



**From:** Mark Holland  
**To:** Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV  
**Subject:** RH waste  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 04, 2012 10:17:37 PM

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Dear Trais Kliphuis:

I am very concerned about shielded containers. As you know, my hometown would be vulnerable to any transport incidents. Plus, they would expand the space available at WIPP for remote-handled waste that is dangerous to 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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Trais Kliphuis, NMED  
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Dear M. Kliphuis:

I write to comment on the use by DOE of shielded containers at WIPP. The waste stored there is dangerous to transport, store and dispose. Please do not allow the shielded containers. It is not a permissible class 2 permit modification.

I request a public hearing. Shielded containers should be a class 3 modification to allow more extensive public comment.

Thank you for your time and attention to my request.

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Ella Joan Fenoglio

# Speak Out Against More "Hot" Waste at WIPP

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## What are DOE's Plans?

DOE has submitted a *Permit Modification Request - Addition of a Shielded Container* to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) so that DOE can transport and dispose of RH waste in lead shielded containers. RH waste would continue to be shipped and disposed in large canisters in the walls of the underground rooms, as has been done since January 2007. If the NMED approves the request, RH waste in shielded containers could be trucked to WIPP and emplaced on the floor in the underground rooms along with Contact-Handled (CH) TRU waste.

## What are concerns about shielded containers?

- The amount of RH waste shipped to WIPP, stored aboveground, and disposed underground would substantially increase.
- Contrary to what DOE says, shielded containers cannot be handled the same as CH waste. Shielded containers that are damaged or leaking might not be able to be placed in over-pack containers without exposing workers and the public.
- DOE also plans to use shielded containers for hotter commercial waste, expanding WIPP beyond its legal limit of 175,564 cubic meters of TRU waste.
- Shielded containers have never been used. NMED denied a similar request on January 31, 2012 because of public opposition and the inadequacies of the request.

## What Can I Do?

Submit written comments to: Trais Kliphuis, NMED, 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505 by **September 10, 2012**.

Use the sample comments below, or write whatever you want.

Thank you!

Thanks for your letter!!

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I have always been opposed to transport of radioactive waste in N.M.!! First of all, as a teacher who was traveling in the summer months and was held up in Gallup, N.M. for hours (which was when a truck carrying only inflammable materials overturned near a school), I helped the teachers, who were frantic to get the children away from the accident and safely home to their parents. I helped to interview frantic parents + teachers, looking for children who had gone to homes of friends or attempted to WALK home. It was chaos - and THAT wasn't even nuclear. Your conceptions of safety are NOT adequate and will never be with nuclear items. I've gone to the meetings + protested, I have written letters to all sorts of significant people and I've sat in a "SIT-IN" about the WIPP site. You ignore us + do as you please, thinking your latest small concessions are adequate for safety - but you have never been in a real emergency. I was on Mt. Rescue in Albuquerque for years, I helped relocate people to Albuquerque from New Orleans, etc. Adding nuclear danger to the equation is IMPOSSIBLE! WAKE UP and Live!! Lilly K. Rendt.



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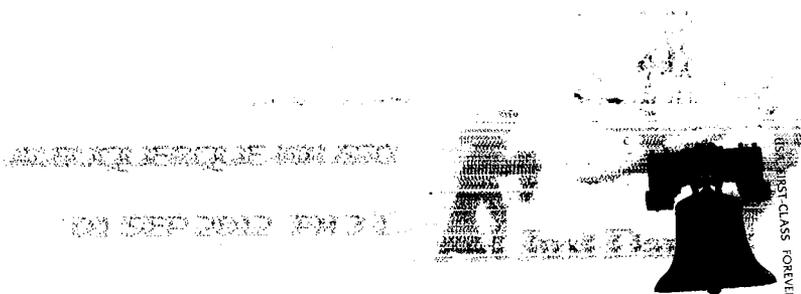
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*Thank-you for  
your attention I hope  
you take this seriously  
into consideration.  
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