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Dear Trais Kliphuis:

I am very concerned about the plan to use shielded containers at WIPP. They would expand the space available at WIPP for remote-handled waste, which is extremely 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 a series of public hearings. I also request that shielded containers be designated as a class 3 modification, so that there would be more extensive public comment and opportunity for hearings.

This plan represents a betrayal of all the assurances given the public, when WIPP was first proposed, about what the site would be used for. Time and again we were told there would be no remote-handled waste from commercial or other sources. Your first duty is to the health of New Mexicans, who are your employers and constituents. Please do not go forth with this betrayal, and please do not insult the public by refusing to listen to our feedback via public hearings.

Sincerely,

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DEAR TRAVIS KLIPPHUIS

AS A RESIDENT OF SANTA FE & A CATHOLIC PRIEST, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SHIELDED CONTAINERS. - EXPANDING THE SPACE AVAILABLE AT WIPP FOR REMOTE-HANDLED WASTE THAT IS DANGEROUS TO TRANSPORT, STORE & DISPOSE.

IN MY OPINION 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 UNDER PERMITS IS NOT A PROPER CLASS 2 PERMIT MODIFICATION. I REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING & THAT SHIELDED CONTAINER BE A CLASS 3 MODIFICATION SO THAT THERE WOULD BE MORE EXTENSIVE PUBLIC COMMENT & AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING.

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