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Trais Kliphui

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Dear Sir,

I am from Eunice NM and live next to a nuclear waste dump that opened and TCEQ did not allow local citizens a public hearing that was requested by several people in Eunice. Now three years later and I am sure quite a lot of money spent later by WCS, a judge in Texas had ruled we will have a contested case hearing if there is pertinent data to present. Since water has been seeping into several monitoring wells at the WCS dump, some people are backing up and looking at this situation including Lon Burnham of Texas. Texas has let this dump just write their own waste disposal rules since inception. Since money runs the Texas train of government they do what they want even though there are two state department that oversee the various industries in Texas. My concern is that since I have a water well on my property, what if a leaking radioactive dump contaminates my water and land. That has been my concern all along. No one in NM seems to care about New Mexicans and water and health in this Eunice area. Water is so precious, Jal just had water main breaks and it shut the town down. My water is valuable to me. Water is valuable and will be the source of outbreaks of war over domain of water, yes even in Lea County. Jal is having its precious resource pumped over to Midland County because they have very little. Jal is concerned and in a bad situation.

The situation as WIPP is different but not very much so. The issue about shielded containers is so very important since we cannot control the forces of nature. People must be allowed the freedom to speak about the important issues including the transport, storage and final disposition of nuclear waste of all kinds. Now that mercury storage is being considered at WIPP as well as WCS my concern over transport and storage of all hazardous and nuclear waste in this country.

I request a public hearing and that those shielded containers be a Class 3 Modification so that there will be more extensive public comment and an opportunity for a hearing.

Sincerely, *Rose Gardner*

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Dear Kliphuis: <sup>Mr. Traas</sup>

I am very concerned ABOUT "shield containers"  
OF TRU waste.

They would expand the space AVAILABLE  
AT WIPP for Remote-handled that is  
dangerous to Transport, Store and Dispose:  
Despite what the Dept. of Energy SAYS,  
these "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 II permit modification.  
I Request that a public hearing be  
held to make the "shielded containers"  
a Class III modification, so that there  
would be more extensive public input  
and have opportunity for a hearing.  
Thank you

Sincerely  
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