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**From:** Dave Sepich <dsepich@springtimesupply.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 07, 2013 10:45 AM  
**To:** Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV  
**Subject:** WIPP Level 2 Modification

Dear NMED:

Over the past few weeks, myself and several other members of the Mayor's Nuclear Task Force have met with the DOE, Nuclear Waste Partnership, to review the Level 2 Proposed Modification to eliminate testing done at the waste generator sites. This testing of Head Space Gases and Core testing of Solid Waste does not provide any pertinent data that directly affects the worker safety nor the long term exposure of the environment at WIPP.

I have spent several days meeting with those closely involved with the proposal and I have asked a multitude of questions about these tests to scientists who are familiar with the process and the information obtained from the tests.

My conclusion is that because of all of the other extensive testing that is done prior to these drums being accepted by WIPP, and the proven accuracy of the Acceptable Knowledge of what the drums contain, that this current testing is not necessary. The resources used for these processes would be much more valuable to worker safety if they were focused on the operation and maintenance of the systems at the WIPP site.

If you have any questions, please call me at 575-885-4696.

Sincerely:

Dave Sepich

