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I'm Joe Epstein, a citizen of Carlsbad New Mexico, retired, and worked previously at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

I most strongly support this Class 3 Permit Modification Request: It will enhance worked safety, improve efficiency at the plant, and save time and money. The Panel Closure eliminates an unnecessary explosion-isolation wall (years of monitoring indicates miniscule amounts of gas) and replaces concrete with salt at tremendous cost saving and with no negative impact on safety. Repository Configuration is a significantly safer mining operation. VOC will concentrate on risk to workers, and update target compounds and monitoring equipment.

Safety is paramount, but improved safety coupled with major cost savings in these days of ever increasingly tight money supplies is absolutely impressive. The request is sound and I encourage the New Mexico Environmental Department to approve the three parts of the request.

Thank you.

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