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Dear Sirs:

I am concerned that the D.O.E proposes to eliminate the chemical sampling and analysis requirement of the WIPP permit Waste Analysis Plan. If NMED approves this modification request, hundreds of provisions related to sampling would be eliminated and other provisions would be changed or eliminated.

EPA regulations provide that a permit for any waste facility managing toxic chemicals must include requirements for waste characterization.

Most TRU waste is dangerous to humans and the environment for thousands of generations. Thus, sampling is required to help identify the particular chemicals in a waste stream.

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NMED should deny the request of the DOE to eliminate sampling.

It is most important to insure the Health and Safety of the citizens of the State of New Mexico.

Sincerely submitted,

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