

**FW: Resolution No. 2013-21**

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Hello,  
Please see the attached information.

This is a response to the Class 2 permit modification.

Thank you

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**Excluded Waste Prohibition Removal**

**Declaration of Support**

Whereas:

- The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant is a Department of Energy (DOE) facility approximately 26 miles from Carlsbad that uses deep salt beds to permanently dispose of defense-generated transuranic (TRU) radioactive waste and for the past 14 years has safely disposed of waste from around the country.
- The Hanford Site, in Washington State, is one of the locations storing TRU waste that was largely generated during the Cold War in a successful bid to preserve the freedom of the United States and Western democracy.
- The DOE has a responsibility to clean up this waste, including waste at the Hanford Site placed into tanks, commonly known as Hanford Tank Waste. The DOE has indicated a preference that the Hanford Tank Waste that is TRU waste be sent to WIPP for permanent, safe disposal. Some of the tanks that hold this TRU waste are believed to be leaking, indicating a need for prompt cleanup best resolved through WIPP.
- In 2004, the New Mexico Environment Department issued a prohibition on the Hanford Tank Waste being disposed of at WIPP due to perceived “chemical compatibility” issues, but a 2012 study concluded that these issues do not exist.
- The DOE has now submitted a permit modification request calling for the removal of this 2004 prohibition.
- Like any other contact-handled and remote-handled TRU waste currently being sent to WIPP, the Hanford Tank Waste will have to qualify as TRU waste and meet rigorous Waste Acceptance Criteria, including not being in liquid form, before it could be sent to WIPP.
- And sending TRU Hanford Tank Waste to WIPP would use existing transportation routes, packaging, transportation and disposal processes.

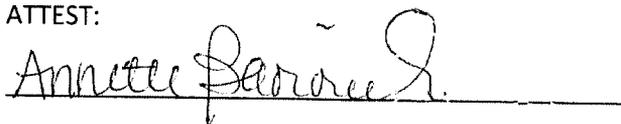
Therefore, on behalf of the citizens of Carlsbad and in the interests of the nation, I, Mayor Dale Janway, in accordance with a vote by the Carlsbad City Council, do support the DOE’s Class 2 permit modification request to the New Mexico Environment Department to remove the excluded waste prohibition and encourage the NMED to approve the request.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2013.

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Mayor Dale Janway

ATTEST:

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City Clerk