

FW: Resolution R-13-30; Disposal of Hanford Tank Waste

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To: Kliphuis, Trais, NMENV; kmarksteiner@yahoo.com
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Subject: Resolution R-13-30; Disposal of Hanford Tank Waste

Please find attached the Resolution supporting a change to the types of waste eligible to be deposited at the WIPP Site, which was approved at the regularly scheduled Eddy County Commission Meeting on May 7, 2013. Thank you.

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Failure is not falling down but refusing to get up.

Do you see difficulties in every opportunity or opportunities in every difficulty?



**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF EDDY**

**RESOLUTION NO: R-13-30
DISPOSAL OF HANFORD TANK WASTE**

IN THE MATTER OF the Board of County Commissioners supporting a change to the types of waste eligible to be deposited at the WIPP Site.

WHEREAS, The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, or WIPP, is a Department of Energy facility located in Eddy County. WIPP is designed for the permanent disposal of defense-generated, transuranic (TRU) radioactive waste; and,

WHEREAS, WIPP opened in 1999 and, for the past 14 years, has safely and permanently disposed of thousands of drums of TRU waste. WIPP is an international model for safety and operational success. WIPP is also a source of pride for many residents of Eddy County; and,

WHEREAS, The Department of Energy has indicated a preference that TRU Hanford Tank Waste be sent to WIPP for permanent, safe disposal. Some TRU waste from Hanford has already been sent to WIPP, so shipments could be made using existing transportation routes and procedures; and,

WHEREAS, A state prohibition on sending Hanford Tank Waste to WIPP currently exists. The Department of Energy has recently submitted a permit modification asking to remove this prohibition. The state's authority over WIPP is related to hazardous materials, not radionuclides; and,

WHEREAS, 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,

WHEREAS, Cleanup of the TRU Hanford Tank Waste is in the best interests of the nation, and is using WIPP as it was originally intended.

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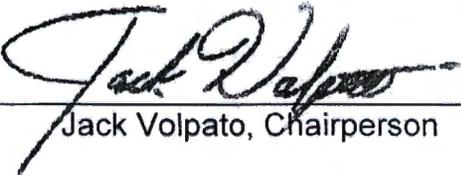
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Eddy County Board of Commissioners supports DOE's Class 2 permit modification request, which removes the excluded waste prohibition, to the New Mexico Environment Department.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eddy County Board of County Commissioners encourages the NMED to approve the request.

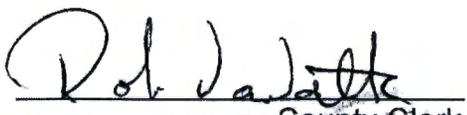
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of May, 2013.

EDDY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



Jack Volpato, Chairperson



ROBIN VAN NATTA, County Clerk
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

