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Dear Mr Maestas,

At the permit change request meeting at the end of it , one of the officials from WIPP or Carlsbad spoke lightly saying this is not the camels nose getting under the tent...HE COULD NOT BE MORE WRONG or disingenuous for indeed WIPP is metaphorically speaking already a HERD of Nuclear camels under the tent...I strongly oppose the Permit Modification Request (PMR) submitted 1/31/18 according to public notice.

What the request calls a clarification is actually a VERY BIG SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE in the permit that is a sleight of hand to make it appear that the amount of TRU waste was reduced. by 26,362 meters this is disingenuous and dishonest. And follows a pattern of dishonesty with the public regarding the danger of Nuclear waste and what exactly is going on at WIPP. whose management changes frequently.. The change they seek denies reality that the entire "safe pack" is nuclear once drums of waste are in it - would you want your family playing in a safe pack that had been used to store Nuclear Waste Drums ? i wouldn't and we owe the people of New Mexico to err on the side of true safety when it comes to Nuclear waste.

Such a major change is unacceptable. and the PMR should be denied..

Alternatively the NMED must determine the request follow 3 modification procedures because the is significant public concern from me and many other New Mexicans...really the meeting wasn't advertised enough but that is another subject.

We know that the ultimate goal of the management of WIPP is to expand the room for the waste despite measuring the amount by the outer containers for decades they want this confusing unverifiable sleight of hand. Creating tow systems all so they can expand mostly UNDER THE RADAR of the PUBLIC. NO attention paid to safety. ZERO. Instead they give us secrecy and fast confusing talk UNACCEPTABLE when it comes to NUCLEAR WASTE which is i remind you . FOREVER...

i reject their DOE and WIPP's attempt to hoodwink the public with the goal of expanding the panels underground especially this way- with a PMR that denies the real motivation.

To expand after the loss of panels in the ACCIDENT , the criticality of 2014. They may talk smoothly but they have a bad track record. WIPP has FAILED to fulfill its "Start Clean Stay Clean" mission. NMED should not allow such an expansion and unjustified and unneeded change in the permit.

sincerely,
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