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To: Ricardo Maestas  
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Dear Mr. Maestas:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed Class 2 "Volume of Record" modification related to WIPP's permit with the state. As a citizen of Carlsbad, I support this proposal. The opinions of the residents of Carlsbad and southeastern New Mexico should always have the most weight when it comes to WIPP. As I understand this recommended switch, WIPP will continue to count both volumes-one based on the inner waste container and one based on the outer container, but the change would mean that the WIPP underground could be put to additional good use.

Currently, we are basically counting space between containers as volume, which was not the intended purpose. This change will help WIPP do its job and serve as a repository for defense-generated TRU waste. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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