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To: Ricardo Maestas
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Dear Mr. Maestas and the New Mexico Environmental Department:

We appreciate everything that you and the NMED do for WIPP. The permit modification process allows the public the opportunity to participate in a discussion about the future of WIPP, and I know the NMED is currently busy with several important proposals.

I encourage you to approve the "Volume of Record" proposal as a Class 2 permit modification. The explanation of this process is very simple – it is easy to picture a smaller container (with waste) being placed into a larger container. We have also had an opportunity to participate in the public discussion process in Carlsbad.

I understand that, if this state permit change is granted, WIPP would continue to remain in compliance with the Land Withdrawal Act's TRU waste capacity limit. Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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