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Volume of record statement for reclassification of volume for the WIPP site
Thank you
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Subject: Comments on Draft WIPP Permit Issued August 6, 2018

Dear Mr. Maestas,

As a Carlsbad City Councilor, I support the Draft WIPP Permit issued on Aug. 6 regarding Volume of Record. Those opposed to the proposed volume of record clarification claim it will allow the DOE license to expand the WIPP repository and grow the inventory of TRU waste that eventually could be permanently isolated there. However, the statutory mission of WIPP is to isolate TRU waste from defense actions of the United States. As long as NMED can assure the WIPP permittees protect human health and the environment, DOE should be allowed to make smart use of the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act area, while conforming with statutory capacity limits. This Volume of Record concept is easy to understand – we are simply putting the facility to its intended good use.

While a public hearing about the permit modification may be requested by any party to the proceedings, the NMED Administrator has the right to decide this isn't needed. Since NMED clearly recognizes the modification as a simple clarification, it should avoid the delay and cost of a hearing, and issue the draft permit as written. We appreciate the NMED for allowing the stakeholders in Carlsbad the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Sincerely...