

greatest extent without engaging the public, responding to public objections, and defending the legality of the PMR, which in a hearing would be shown to be part of DOE's program to expand WIPP beyond its legal limits.

Of course, NMED must also consider the two pending actions in the New Mexico Supreme Court to invalidate the TA - No. S-1-SC-38372 (Petition for Writ of Mandamus) and No. S-1-SC- 38373 (Petition for Writ of Certiorari).

These comments and the TA request are also being provided to the other parties that requested a hearing, since SRIC believes that they have not been notified about the re-issuance request.

Thank you very much for your careful consideration of, and your response to, these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Hancock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Don Hancock

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