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Re: PUBLIC NOTICE No. 20-03 - New Shaft at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

Dear Mr. Maestas:

I join the ranks of New Mexicans who oppose the irregularities in the process to build a new shaft at WIPP. This effort to go around the regulatory process by allowing construction to begin before the permit was issued and public hearings held is wrong.

We understand the new shaft is not needed for the stated purpose of "more air flow" to the contaminated site. In fact, the site originally designed to be closed in a few years is now going to be expanded to accept a variety of high grade nuclear contaminants including from nuclear power plants and increased nuclear weapons development, and to be open permanently.

New Mexico should not become the national sacrifice zone and state of decay for the entire United States.

I oppose the expansion of the site by any means, and I hope you will find that New Mexico cannot absorb all of the dangerous materials from the nuclear "business."

Sincerely,
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