

**From:** [Maestas, Ricardo, NMENV](#)  
**To:** [McLean, Megan, NMENV](#); [Biswell, David, NMENV](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Public Comment re. New WIPP shaft  
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From: Lora Lucero <loralucero3@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 12:20 PM  
To: Maestas, Ricardo, NMENV <Ricardo.Maestas@state.nm.us>  
Subject: [EXT] Public Comment re. New WIPP shaft

Dear Mr. Maestas,

I'm writing to urge the State to withdraw the temporary authorization given to drill the new shaft at WIPP because:

- (1) the required public participation process is flawed, and
- (2) the need for this new shaft has not been demonstrated, putting the public's health at risk.

Nowhere in the Fact Sheet, the Public Notice, or the PIP are we told that the DOE is building the shaft now. Virtually no information is provided about the geology or hydrology at WIPP. The self-serving justification for this project is poor, and there should be a meaningful opportunity to review and rebut it.

Please take a step back and engage with the public in a meaningful way.

Sincerely,

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