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**From:** Elizabeth West <ewest@cybermesa.com>  
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Dear Mr. Maestas,

**WITHDRAW THE  
TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION  
TO DRILL THE SHAFT  
CORRECT THE PUBLIC PROCESS PROBLEMS  
DENY THE SHAFT PERMIT MODIFICATION**

I was lucky enough to visit the WIPP site in Carlsbad some time ago, before it was used, and taking the elevator down into the earth was impressive. I found the marvelous salt bed amazing and yes, salty!

Even back then, however, something smelled fishy. Secrets, innuendo, gossip were all rampant in Carlsbad, and I danced the two-step with one night in a Carlsbad bar with an oil rig cowboy who said there was a lot of short-term money to be made but probably some long-term horror.

When I show people the bore I have of some of the pinkish salt they are impressed. I am, too. I tell them it is safe to lick it.

It is difficult for me to see the planned, and possibly secretive, actions being taken now as legitimate. So: withdraw, correct and deny. (See quote above.)

Very sincerely,  
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