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Mr. Maestas,

As a lifetime citizen of the New Mexico and a 7th generation New Mexican I am requesting that the New Mexico Environment Department withdraw their temporary authorization granted to WIPP to drill a new shaft. While we are told over and over that these sites such as WIPP are perfectly safe what we know to be truth is that they are until the moment they are not. It is then usually catastrophic without means for fixing the problem.

I know. I'm a Downwinder and a cancer survivor. My family and my community were overexposed to radiation as a result of the Trinity test in south central New Mexico. We have been left for 75 years to deal with the negative health effects on our own. We've had no acknowledgement and no help from the government. Countless people have died far too young. We have no elders left. This is unconscionable.

If anyone thinks that the government will come back after a catastrophic event at WIPP think again. No one has come back in 75 years since Trinity.

I hope you understand the negative consequences that could result from a catastrophe at WIPP.

Our children and grandchildren deserve better.

Sincerely,

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