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**From:** Kathryn Toll <kathryntoll@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Maestas, Ricardo, NMENV <Ricardo.Maestas@state.nm.us>  
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Dear Mr. Maestas,

I hope you will stop the current Temporary Authorization (TA) that allowed the drilling of the Utility “ventilation” shaft at WIPP without a complete public process. How has New Mexico become the nation’s nuclear dump? We are turning a temporary nuclear holding site into a permanent dump. No other state will do this.

Yet we rush in without sufficient understanding of the long term environmental and health effects on New Mexicans and our beloved land.

This is only one step in what promises to be a long nuclear chain of looming disasters for New Mexico. LANL’s legacy waste has never been cleaned up and yet there is a plan to build new facilities to produce nuclear pits even as a toxic plume moves towards the aquifer. To LANL and WIPP we now add the HOLTEC bid and New Mexico seals its fate as the nuclear engine room of the country. We will be taking waste that NO other state will accept.

You can halt the drilling, abide by required public processes, deny the WIPP expansion permit. DOE must keep the promises they made to the People of New Mexico and close WIPP in 2004.

Please stop this rush down a road that we won’t able to turn back on. Please protect the people and land of this state.

Most sincerely,  
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