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From: Karen Bonime <karenbonime@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Maestas, Ricardo, NMENV <Ricardo.Maestas@state.nm.us>
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Dear Mr. Maestas

I am grateful for your department's detailed, carefully researched comments on the Holtec Project. Thank you/

However, I am appalled that the digging of a new, enormous shaft at WIPP is being allowed to proceed WITHOUT A PERMIT.

I urge you to rescind the temporary action under which the expansion is being allowed to proceed.

I urge you to suspend any proceedings on this project until the COVID 19 pandemic is under control.

I urge you to uphold/reinstate the original agreement between DOE and NMED whereby this project was to be closed down by 2024.

I urge you to insist that the original intent of WIPP as a PILOT project, to be replicated in other states if proven feasible here, be upheld.

I urge you to protect New Mexico from becoming the destination of choice for both transuranic military waste and irradiated fuel rods.

Please take these urgings to heart. New Mexicans are overwhelmed right now by COVID 19 and economic distress. The Public has a right to be included in discussions regarding the WIPP expansion when public meetings are safe again.

The Public has a right to receive all documents pertaining to this project electronically and/or in person.

Thank you again for your department's thorough, publicly available comments on the Holtec project.

Please make public and easily accessible the documents pertaining to the outrageous expansion and deadline erasure of "FOREVER WIPP."

Sincerely,

Karen Bonime

Member of Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping (CARD) and allied groups.