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Dear Mr. Maestas,^{[[[]]]}_{[[[]]]}

I am concerned with the current Temporary Authorization (TA) that allowed the drilling of the Utility “ventilation” shaft at WIPP without a complete public process. ^{[[[]]]}_{[[[]]]} Why was there not a public process to address this significant change?

We must care for our land, water, air and our communities which is an ethical and moral responsibility. It was my understanding decades ago that New Mexicans said yes to a certain amount of waste, but that we did not want to continue a pattern of being a sacrifice zone or a repository for ongoing waste.

Public hearings and comment opportunities are needed in order to consider a future direction, and I do not believe that this has been done in this case. It seems that WIPP is expanding without a due legal process.

The current expansion should stop until there has been proper legal process.

Thank you very much,
Peace and good,
Sr. Joan Brown,osf

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