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December 6, 2021

Mr. Ricardo Maestas

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)

2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1

Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: Class 2 Permit Modification: Update Panel 8 Volatile Organic Compound Room-Based Limits

Dear Mr. Maestas:

I oppose the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Class 2 Permit Modification Request (PMR), and request that it either be denied or considered as a Class 3 PMR because of significant public concern.

Ever since WIPP was approved for low-level transuranic waste, I have waited for WIPP's promised closure. Now that the deadline is being brought into question and highly radioactive waste possibly being transported to WIPP indefinitely, I am even more opposed to any move that would result in New Mexico's taking on the burden of the nation's and possibly other countries' nuclear waste which needs to be stored safely on site where it is now located. Class 3 status would at least give us a greater opportunity to make our concerns known. Violations must be heard and not erased as a result of a classification change. The Class 2 request must be denied.

Respectfully,

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