Dear Sirs:

I am devastated that you are planning to start fiddling WIPP with radioactive waste. If you have a hearing, please play my song on the enclosed tape. It pretty well condenses why we should not let WIPP fill with nuclear waste:

"The DOE paid Westinghouse to dig a hole in the ground twenty-six miles from Carlsbad, A tourist's New Mexico town. But there is brine under pressure below it. And hence to let water in above so it can't be a safe repository for plutonium waste and crud!"

There's better things to do than take a chance on that salt bed tomb That may pollute the Rio Grande And seal Carlsbad Caverns too. The smallest speck of plutonium Can start a cancer in you. Let's not kill off our progeny For jobs that will soon be through!

(over)
Let them store nuclear waste above ground at the site where it earned the Big Buck! They can check every canister and replace it to keep it safe, sealed much like a truck will have to transport it. So our roads will be safer too.
And we won't have to close the Caverns down in 2092. (Two thousand, nine, nine, two.)

Besides the mentioned waste access that would send diluted nuclear waste to the surface, even into the interwoven salt/dry pond, and eventually to the Rio Grande, how have you solved the possibility of future oil well drilling that would push the solution to the surface 2000--3000 years from now, when people don't remember what's buried there?

I won't be around to cope with the mess you are about to create, and probably you won't, either, but does that give us the right to wish this future annihilation on our great, great grandchildren?

Please do read this and play the tape if you have a public hearing. I am as hard working in retirement as I was teaching school--have a chance to come to Santa Fe, or at least have a chance to voice my opinion.

Yours sincerely,

Virginia B.