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The Environment Department
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The State Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear sir,

This letter is a request for information about the Federal and State rules regarding storage and disposal of mixed waste. As I retired nearly twenty years ago, I am quite uninformed about the federal law (RCRA, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ?) which states, I am told, the rules for storage of mixed waste, namely, those materials that contain both radioactive and chemical residues. May I, please, receive a copy of this law or its pertinent sections and the New Mexico EPA's interpretation of this law as applied to or for New Mexico.

I am extremely puzzled as to why a small amount of, e.g., lead or benzene would be harmful to the environment if such were buried in the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant along with equally small or smaller amounts of plutonium. Can you enlighten me as to the concerns that the EPA has concerning this difficulty? Are the problems procedural, overly restrictive, or are there health related problems of which I am not aware?

As a final question, when is the NM EPA planning to hold public hearings so that all of us in New Mexico can understand the problem and the solution to which you are working?

Sincerely,

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