

Dear Mr. Maestas,

I am hoping that your department, which is the only entity capable of putting the brakes on current plans to expand the mission and capacity of WIPP to act as a “solution” to the waste generated by Nuclear weapons production beyond the initial proposal that allowed the facility to open in the first place.

expansion of this facility only multiplies the risks involved in transporting and containing the waste, and increases the inevitability of accidents whose consequences defy any rationale of its proponents.

I am attaching this analysis of the issue from a long time observer, researcher, and critic of WIPP that delineates in more detail the dangers involved in allowing and expanding of the facility to expose our beautiful state to irredeemable environmental devastation. I am not consoled by the assurances offered by advocates whose paychecks blind them to the obvious risks presented by geological instability, transportation, and human error as they promote this boondoggle to the citizens of New Mexico.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

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