

Mr. Maestas:

I second the comments provided in the attachment below by Sasha Pyle.

I too was involved for five years in the movement to significantly improve the operational standards, safety measures, waste characterization, state oversight and many other issues associated with opening WIPP.

Perhaps the most egregious aspect of this proposed lifetime extension is the fact the public and government officials were "sold" on the idea that it had a specific end date and was dedicated to cleaning up legacy waste. Now we are told it is needed for disposing waste yet to be created in yet another mega-trillion dollar corporate welfare program dedicated to producing the next generation of American nukes.

How can we stand on our high horse and tell other nations they cannot produce a single nuclear warhead when we seem intent on producing hundreds?

The state of New Mexico needs to deny this extension and mission creep of WIPP! It will continue to threaten New Mexicans for tens of thousands of years, and to extend its lifetime and scope is foolhardy!

Sincerely,

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