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I support the significant provisions and common sense regulations NMED has put forward around the site, including:

- A permit term of 10 years rather than the operation term proposed by DOE allowing usage until 2083
- Automatic permit revocation if Congress changes the law increasing the disposal limit of 6.2 million cubic feet of storage
- Quarterly public forums that provide notice and allow for ample opportunity for public engagement on Permit and non-Permit related issues

While I fully support these provisions, further steps can and should be taken, specifically around inclusion of community voices. For many New Mexicans, English is not their first language, and internet access is uncertain at best. For these individuals, many of whom live in frontline communities, the public notice of comment or a hearing only posted on DOE and NMED websites, in English, is not enough.