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I want to remind the New Mexico Environment Department that the WIPP facility was sold to New Mexicans, who were understandably wary of federal overreach, that it would remain a pilot facility. WIPP was built as an experiment to see if nuclear waste could be safely stored in salt beds. The result of this experiment will not be known for 10,000 years. As an experiment that has an unknown outcome, it should remain limited and not expanded from its original goal.