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First of all,

Many of the comments I have listened to regarding this permit are the same tired, uneducated comments that I heard in 1996 when WIPP was going for its permits originally. They were wrong then and 24 years later they are still wrong. WIPP is safe and provides a vital function to the nation and NM by disposing of nuclear waste from the weapons industry in a facility proven safe. Transportation to the site is equally proven safe. NMED's proposed changes are unnecessary and would infact bring about the premature closure of a facility that is necessary to clean up wastes that meet the WIPP waste acceptance criteria across the nation.

This appears to be the reason behind many of the proposed changes. It is extremely selfish to make WIPP take care of LANL and then close early. This basically says "we got ours, the rest of the nation can go elsewhere." Unfortunately, we have benefited greatly from the funding and expertise provided to NM over the past 70 years in this industry. To say we have ours and no more of your waste can come here is just un-American and wrong. Please approve the NMED Permit as it currently exists and discard all of the proposed changes. Thank you.