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After spending a reported \$15 billion on Yucca Mountain, the government has turned its back on this investment in permanent waste storage for political reasons.

WIPP was not designed for permanent waste storage from nuclear power plants. Particularly with the hokey arrangement for trans-continental shipments both ways to the East Coast for processing. Whoever proposed this process should hang their heads in shame.

New Mexico is being asked to rescue the federal government from renegeing on Congress's original plan for permanent waste storage at Yucca Mountain. This is simple bad faith, and I do not believe it should be imposed on the citizens of New Mexico.

I believe that the following should be done:

1. Power Plant waste should be reprocessed to recover fissionable fuel as is done in France.
2. The resulting high level waste should be deposited in Yucca Mountain as originally mandated.
3. WIPP should be used as originally intended for storing only TRU waste from weapons sites.

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