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The WIPP has had several accidents with TRU materials leaking and causing combustion during its short lifetime. The TRU materials have several thousands of years half life and the likelihood of future accidents is highly probable.

As a physician concerned about the health of New Mexican citizens, it is my strong opinion that the permit should have only a 10 year duration. Additionally, New Mexico should allow radioactive waste sites permitted because of the impossibility of radioactive wastes being contained over the incredibly long radioactive period of these wastes.