

Edward Rodriguez

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my complete support of the WIPP Project and it's role in our nation's progress. I am Edward T. Rodriguez, Carlsbad NM City Councilor for Ward 1 and Mayor Pro Tem for the past 5 years. I also offer the overwhelming support of my constituency, friends and neighbors. We are all very proud of the work going on at the WIPP Site, the safety measures in place and the stringent rules for implacement which are diligently employed. Safety of the site is of the utmost importance to us as residents as the work force are our family and friends.

That having been said, I want to express my concerns with many of the modifications NMED is proposing. We want safety, which we have and will continue to insist upon, but some of the proposed measures seem counter productive to the work being done and progress able to be made with no actual added safety or health benefit(s). Introduction of modifications to appease percieved fears or dangers to work or processes of completing such, appear to be a forced slow down of the job being done.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to comment and I hope we can reach resolution soon and not impede progress and the cleaning up of our nation's legacy waste.

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