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RE: The proposed WIPP Renewal Draft Permit

I am strongly OPPOSED to renewing, and therefore expanding, the Waste Isolation PILOT Program (WIPP), which I understand the Renewal Draft Permit would allow.

I am a NM citizen living in the south side of Santa Fe, in a neighborhood just one mile from I-25, where trucks carry toxic nuclear daily. All of our neighbors are close to I-25 and a potential accident with nuclear toxins in the form of dust.

After a toxic train derailment in Ohio which will be devastating for years to come, we have a red flag waving to show us that an accident near a pueblo, near a town or a city in New Mexico could result in an even worse nuclear toxins tragedy, where breathing in a microscopic dust particle gives cancer to all who breath it in.

In addition, it is infuriating that this Permit would continue a Legacy of Harm to NM, that began with the Trinity nuclear test site in 1945, then has continued through the decades. For example -nuclear toxic spills on the Navajo nation's water supply, and, more recently, an accident in WIPP itself --even though it's touted to be a safe place. The Department of Energy's website has said, in a short Mission Statement under Secretary Grantham's photo, that DOE is committed to Ending Legacy Nuclear Harm. Let's begin by ENDING the WIPP project, and NOT renewing the Permit. NM has done more than our share already in storing nuclear waste! Save our beautiful environment, please.