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I oppose any changes to the original agreement to approve WIPP, especially the attempts to expand the original agreement beyond the closure date of 2024, the attempts to include waste not generated by the original Manhattan Project, and attempts to include other than low-level nuclear waste.

I stand in agreement with NMED's requirements as outlined below:

A requirement that the state receive a report each year on the federal government's efforts to find a permanent repository in another state

Automatic permit revocation if Congress changes the law increasing the disposal limit of 6.2 million cubic feet of storage

Quarterly public forums that provide notice and allow for ample opportunity for public engagement on Permit and non-Permit related issues. I fully support these provisions but I also request that the permit also should include measures for giving public notice. Notice in written English on the internet is not adequate. Many New Mexicans don't have internet access, and many don't communicate in written English. The permit should require that notice be given using other equitably accessible means. If DOE cannot abide by these requirements then their permit must be denied! New Mexico has been a nuclear sacrifice zone for far too long and the federal government MUST be held to their original agreements, and NOT be allowed to change the rules whenever it suits them!