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I've never believed WIPP should have started at all. The government already put our communities in danger of developing severe health issues for people in this area with the gnome project, done back in 1956. It was a failed underground nuclear bomb testing site done not far from Malaga, NM. It turned the salt underground bright blue, red, orange (many colors).

How long did they expect the salt to hold that radiation? Especially with the mining and oil field drilling? Our community should have been compensated appropriately for these actions in itself. Don't allow them to potentially keep causing our health to decline. Any chance that it could potentially cause our community to suffer anymore possible severe health issues due just 'needing the space" is too much risk. I am totally against anything that could cause harm to the surrounding communities.