

## Margaret Hadderman

I strongly support NMED's modification of the WIPP permit (NMED Agency Modification). It's imperative that the LANL legacy waste be moved pronto from its fire-prone location and stored properly & safely at WIPP. The threat to New Mexicans is existential. Our lives are endangered so long as 2,500 barrels of nuclear waste remain in their makeshift tents! DOE can't be allowed to make nuclear weapons & waste in NM unless DOE protects us from becoming the nation's ultimate "sacrifice area."

A radiation release would kill 50 percent of our state's population within 30 days, cause untold numbers of cancers to downwinders, drive down property values, and cause permanent economic ruin for agriculture, ranching, and recreation on land made useless for 500,000 years.

This cannot be allowed to happen.

None of us will feel safe until all the area G drums are entombed in WIPP on July 1, 2028.

Thanks for considering my comment.