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Dear Deciders,

Clean up the legacy waste first before making more. You are reckless with lives and money. Where are the other waste sites that would allow WIPP to close down, not expand? If I recall this was supposed to be a Pilot Project. LANL alone has enough legacy waste waiting to be properly stored at WIPP to make the waste from all other DOE facilities impossible and dangerous for WIPP to accept. DOE's job isn't to make more waste, it is responsible for doing what it promised to clean up the waste it created decades ago.

It appears we are immersed in another war (or excursion if you wish to appease the demented fool in charge), and our weapons are being wasted and our stockpiles depleted. It is apparent our weapons aren't all that effective anymore. Warfare has changed as Ukraine has shown us; \$10,000 drones not \$5 billion plutonium pits. Yes they are less costly to make so there isn't the obscene profit margin for the military industrial complex. Since the ultra wealthy and corporations don't pay much in taxes, where will that money come from? Food, healthcare, education, research, infrastructure, etc. of course. The DOE and DOD need to pay attention to factors other than ego and profits and catch up to modern warfare and technology if winning wars is their end goal. Plutonium pits are yesterday's news. Today drones and much smarter leaders than we have are winning wars. \$5 billion or \$60 billion will go a long way to solve a lot of problems and benefit hundreds of millions of people. We are losing our country to demented fools and alcoholics who pound their chests like primitive apes. The whole world is watching and many are watching us like vultures ready to swoop in and take over.

Be smart, be best, be human,

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