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The fact that shipments from LANL are, and have always been prioritized by WIPP; coupled with the fact that WIPP has always accepted shipments from LANL promptly and quickly, makes it very clear that this permit modification has nothing to do with expediting cleanup of legacy waste from LANL. It is an obvious attempt to reduce overall activity at WIPP, with an end goal of closing WIPP permanently before it achieves the mission given to it by the federal government, and devastating the economy of Eddy County and Carlsbad and the livelihood of the families that live here. If the goal is to clean up LANL, then the state should focus on regulative and legislative actions that increase shipments from LANL, not regulations that decrease overall shipments to WIPP.

If the end goal is to shut down WIPP, end all nuclear work and storage in New Mexico, and significantly reduce the economic strength of the state, then you should be honest about it.