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Please don't use WIPP as leverage against a LANL vs. DOE issue.

Our jobs and livelihood are at risk. The permit was just modified and negotiated in good faith. WIPP already receives all waste that is available and meets the acceptance criteria. Focus should be on LANL and DOE to help clean up LANL. Rushing shipments from LANL also puts WIPP employee's safety at risk. This could lead to another 2014 incident. Threatening to slow shipments also puts employees in danger. With the new permit, WIPP is already mining and bolting new areas. Delaying shipments from other DOE sites will affect the integrity of the mine, reduce our workforce, and put the maintenance of the mine at risk. WIPP will be forced to reduce staffing if shipments are slowed from other sites. When 2014 happened, it caused our site to be behind in years of maintenance while trying to catch up on bolting. Our families depend on WIPP.