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I support NMED's modification of the WIPP permit, NMED Agency Initiated Modification or AIM. The LANL legacy waste has to be moved now, before the next wildfire. DOE must take its responsibilities seriously and put New Mexico's safety before any other missions.

Supporting details if you wish to add one of them:

- DOE can only be allowed to make nuclear weapons and waste in New Mexico, if it takes the safety of New Mexico seriously.
- NMED's modification will force DOE to do what's its legally responsible for doing.
- New Mexicans won't feel safe until all the drums at Area G are emplaced in WIPP on July 1, 2028.
- A wildfire can occur at any time between now and then; getting the legacy waste in WIPP now is essential.
- We completely support NMED's sanction if DOE fails to move this waste by a set date. Not allowing DOE to ship waste other than LANL legacy waste until it catches up is appropriate and needed.
- NMED's modification is just common sense. DOE can only oppose it if it cares nothing for the health and property of New Mexicans.
- If DOE opposes the permit modification, it should not be able to operate such dangerous facilities in New Mexico.
- The penalty if DOE fails to accomplish the modification is important because DOE has shown it will ignore its agreement with New Mexico if it isn't held accountable.
- The permit modification is necessary because DOE has shown itself to be a dishonest partner unless forced to comply with the agreements it's made.