

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)

I strongly support the NMED draft Permit that clarifies the priority to emplace legacy waste and reduce the risk of LANL legacy waste.

Along with thousands of other New Mexicans, I want the federal government to fulfill the agreement to prioritize LANL waste going to WIPP. Thus, I support provisions that require:

- From January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2031, at least 55% of the total volume of all waste emplaced at WIPP from all generator/storage sites must be LANL legacy waste.
- Beginning January 1, 2032, and until all LANL legacy waste has been emplaced at WIPP, LANL legacy waste must be at least 75% of the total volume of waste emplaced from all generator/storage sites.
- Legacy waste currently stored above-ground at LANL Material Disposal Area-G shall be shipped and emplaced at WIPP by July 1, 2028.
- If at any point any of those conditions are not met, all generator/storage site shipments (with the exception of LANL) must cease until all deficiencies are cured.

Thank you for protecting the health and safety of New Mexicans and our communities!

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