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Decades of legacy radioactive waste is being stored in unmarked drums under a big tent out in the open, in a fire area--it is beyond irresponsible for DOE to store legacy waste in a way that threatens the health and safety of New Mexicans and their property, in an area with year-long fire risks from drought and high winds.

Then there is the issue of waste not being attended to which leads to deterioration of our drinking water, the aquifers, the soil, wells. It has to stop!

The proposed New Mexico state permit modifications are essential. DOE is not fulfilling its LEGAL agreements, and the State of New Mexico must force them to prioritize properly storing the legacy waste at WIPP, which was intended solely for this use from the beginning.

I support the NM Environment Department initiative to modify the permit for WIPP.