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I'm writing in support of the WIPP Agency Modification draft Permit. I'm sure my comments repeat many of those you have already received by now. My reasons are that legacy waste stored at Los Alamos threatens the safety of the people and their property in several states. Number 1, is fire danger. The Cerro Grande fire in 2000, and the Conchas fire in 2011 both burned dangerously close to the thousands of storage tanks that were stored outside, in harms way. Had they been engulfed by flames, it would have been a catastrophe of huge environmental proportions. Considering the state of this continuing drought, the possibility of another local fire like those is extremely likely. Although I feel that the WIPP site has overstayed the agreement that was made with the DOE, it is the only relatively safe option for this waste.

Thank you for your consideration..... Michael D Gallagher, Alameda NM.