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I'm concerned about the continued existence of old legacy waste housed unsafely outside LANL. I'm writing in support of the WIPP Agency-Initiated Modification Draft Permit as proposed by NMED as it presses the federal government to rapidly remove that waste to store it at WIPP.

It appears that DOE has deliberately stalled the process of moving this waste to a safe place (i.e., WIPP). This is irresponsible, especially in the face of increasing likelihood of dangerous fires, as it gets hotter and drier. People - not just in New Mexico, but across several Western states - are at risk of radioactive contamination, should a fire consume this waste.

In addition, DOE is not fulfilling its legal agreements, and so it is necessary to escalate pressure on the agency.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Thanks for listening.

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