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I believe that State should be more interested in oversight to Las Alamos, after all it was their misdoings that caused the release of materials into the underground at WIPP several years ago. Their lack of concern following procedures and policies were the direct cause of that event.

While I do agree that we need to clean up New Mexico as WIPP proceeds, I also understand that other sites are in need of the same attention. We need to think of the WIPP site as a nationwide facility that takes care of the needs of all citizens not just those in New Mexico.

In addition, I fully support the expansion of WIPP to create levels above the current drifts in the underground that would facilitate more waste being placed in the same general restricted zone that the current facility contains. This is a common practice in the mines around Carlsbad where multiple levels are incorporated into their design. This would not affect any exposure to the public nor lands of New Mexico but would go to taking care of not only the waste here in New Mexico but from around the entire country.

I am a retired Nationally Certified Environmental Trainer and have over 20 years in the mining industry around the Carlsbad area. I have been involved with various safety aspects of several mines and also directly with the WIPP Site itself.