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The vast Southwest of our country is not wasteland. No land is wasteland until we have laid waste to it ourselves. The Southwest is a wide range of biomes and ecosystems, all of which are interconnected and interdependent for their health and survival. Those of us living here are likewise dependent on the health of our environment for our own health.

It is out of my concern for the health of the people of New Mexico, our neighboring states, and for the land itself and all the life that it supports, that I support the WIPP Agency-Initiated Modification Draft Permit as proposed by NMED. The health and safety of people and their property in several states are threatened by DOE's irresponsible storage of legacy waste. The proposed permit modifications are needed because DOE is not fulfilling its legal agreements.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my profound concern for our land and its people.

Sincerely,

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