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Comments On The New Mexico Environment Department Agency-Initiated Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit For The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Carlsbad, New Mexico

Dear Ms. McLean,

I support all of the main proposed changes to the subject Draft Permit:

1. From January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2031, at least 55% of the total volume of all waste emplaced at WIPP from all generator/storage sites must be LANL legacy waste.
2. Beginning January 1, 2032, and until all LANL legacy waste has been emplaced at WIPP, LANL legacy waste must be at least 75% of the total volume of waste emplaced from all generator/storage sites.
3. Legacy waste currently stored above-ground at LANL Material Disposal Area-G shall be shipped and emplaced at WIPP by July 1, 2028.
4. If at any point any of those conditions are not met, all generator/storage site shipments (with the exception of LANL) must cease until all deficiencies are cured.
5. An annual report, due by April 30 of each year, for each generator/storage site and for both legacy and non-legacy waste, shall detail information needed to demonstrate prioritization of LANL legacy waste and compliance with the requirements of this Permit section.

The goal is to get all of the above-ground waste out of LANL and into WIPP by July 1, 2028. And then to remove all of the below-ground waste.

DOE/NNSA has made promises and commitments to remove ALL legacy waste from the LANL site that is related to nuclear operations including radioactive material, toxic chemicals, heavy metals, etc. They must not be allowed to renege on these commitments. Public health is at stake. There are strong likelihoods of accidents, aquifer contamination, and air pollution if this legacy waste is left in place.

Sincerely,

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