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I strongly oppose the New Mexico Environment Department's proposed changes to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) permit, which would give priority to transuranic (TRU) waste shipments from Los Alamos National Laboratory. The U.S. Department of Energy has an existing agreement requiring at least 55% of the TRU waste shipments received at WIPP each year to come from the Idaho Cleanup Project (ICP) until all shipments are complete. Reducing that level of access to WIPP would significantly affect the ICP schedule and budget and would increase risks to worker safety, public health, and the environment, particularly the Snake River Plain Aquifer.