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I strongly support the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) draft permit that would require the Department of Energy (DOE) to ensure that legacy transuranic waste shipments from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) are more than half (by volume) of the annual total legacy waste shipments from all other DOE sites. These additional requirements are needed because DOE did not do what it agreed to do, delaying work at WIPP by not funding it adequately. Safety should be paramount. Legacy waste currently stored above-ground at LANL Material Disposal Area-G should be shipped to WIPP right away, as it could cause a truly devastating and widespread accident due to wildfire or other disaster.