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Working at a DOE Environmental Cleanup Site in Paducah Ky the work at WIPP is important in keeping on schedule the mission of the DOE for cleanup. Cleanup schedules interrupted are costly to the DOE as well as the taxpayer. Modifications of the permit will slow down that process. WIPP has many employees through federal contractors all of which pay their fair share of state employment withholding taxes. Federal Contractors also pay taxes to New Mexico which provides for funding throughout the state. This should not be a move the state should consider without bring the DOE to the table along with federal contractors.