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## General Comment

I personally had an opportunity to contribute my thoughts to those people opposed to the Holtec project to store unused nuclear fuel rods in New Mexico, but most of the 100 or so people had already left because they were from out of town. It was very unfortunate that many supporters were not given a chance to comment.

Here is my script and what I would have shared at the meeting:

Good Evening:  
My name is Martin Kral and I live here in Roswell.  
I am here to address the elephant in the room the what if!  
So what if WIPP has a radiation leak? Well, it did, 4 years ago.  
And here we are safe and sound. What if, never happened!  
Not a single dairy farm or cheese plant shut down.  
Not a single oil pump jack or refinery shut down.  
Not a single highway or railroad shut down.  
AND, not a single school or store shut down.  
So what was shut down? WIPP was after the monitor/filtering system activated alarms.  
After a few upgrades and decontamination, WIPP has reopened.

For 18 years, GPS monitored WIPP trucks have been driving through Roswell 12K shipments.

Not a single transport incident. Most people dont know this, nor do they care.

So I ask - Where is that what if?

According to the World Health Organization:

It didnt show up at TMI no deaths.

It didnt show up at Fukushima no deaths from acute radiation.

Only the Soviets blew it at Chernobyl, but only once. They had no containment structure.

Today, Chernobyl is a thriving nature preserve for the animal kingdom.

Holtec is also at Chernobyl managing the worlds largest unused fuel rod dry storage facility.

For sixty years, the US nuclear industry has had a near flawless safety record.

But, heres whats important to remember, there is always risk and then there is controlled risk.

And that is what the NRC is all about.

Thank you for giving me this time.