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General Comment

Sirs,

I have concerns more than just a NIMBY complaint as this proposal seems to be, like so many others, incomplete and pushing the envelope of time and knowledge. Their reach appears beyond their technology. We in NM have experience with WIPP and that the construction took so long that the salt had already begun degrading before the first barrel of product was installed. Designed to collapse on the stored fuel the "life" has been extended as more product continues to be stored and the caverns continue to degrade. Our trust has been worn thin. It is also quite troubling that this is called a "Temporary" location. Where would be the next destination?

Then there is the question of whether the location is actually suitable. There are several points that seem troubling. These are a few:

-The determination of final storage and monitoring processes should be developed before any away from reactor 'interim' location. How is the product going to be removed and moved? What is the penalty if they don't?

-Fracking in the Permian Basin is booming. The fracking is causing a considerable increase in tremors, the Holtec site is no longer at low risk for seismic activity. And yet, even without the fracking, NM is known for seismic activity. Not like say California, but as a State with the largest number of volcanoes and several rift

valleys, it is unrealistic to assume it could never happen here. The small earthquake in southwestern NM a few years ago simply underscores the instability of even our ancient bedrock.

-The excellent recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Commission (post Yucca Mountain closure) have not been followed. So why not? Isn't safety the primary concern?

We cannot afford to have this type of development done with less than full accountability.

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