

Subject: DR machine

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Dear Mr. Zappe,

I'm writing re the class 2 modifications to WIPP, specifically the new digital radiography machine that was discussed at the meeting in Santa Fe on March 8th.

It is of some concern that the machine would become radioactive itself and become more waste. This was mentioned by Ms. Montañó and not addressed by the panel.

It also seems highly unlikely to me that the screening for waste would go anywhere so smoothly as the representatives of Westinghouse and the DOE had emphasized. I imagine a scenario in which Westinghouse puts pressure on its workers to do the screening quickly to save time, to "overlook" prohibited materials and the workers will do it or risk their jobs, and since there is so little resistance in Carlsbad anyway or concern about the health risk this will not be questioned. It seems absolutely essential that there be some really reliable independent oversight, and I am told that the NMED is it, so I am asking the NMED to be vigilant.

Also, it came to my attention that the meetings and the concerns of the citizens need to be recorded.

Thank you,
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