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Mr. Zappe:

I wish, just once, someone would explain to me what the NMED has to do with regulating the radiological part of the waste going to WIPP. The NMED charter is for the Hazardous part of the waste under the RCRA, not the radiological part, which is supposed to be the EPA's jurisdiction.

I do have to congratulate the NMED on their ability to successfully bully, threaten, coerce, extort, and hold hostage every one and every thing with their RCRA powers, but again, RCRA is about hazardous constituents, not radiological.

I guess possession is 9/10ths of the law, so since NMED has taken possession of regulating all the constituents of the waste, no one has forced them to stick only to the RCRA (hazardous) constituents (as they should), and no one has had the intestinal fortitude to challenge them on doing what they are not chartered to do, congratulations are in order.

Sincerely,

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