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Holtec International;

I have been following the actions of placing an interim facility in the SE part of New Mexico, a State that I live and prosper in living my life. I worked at the WIPP site in 1980's and knew of some of the risks with leakage to the Pecos River, but most recently my husband and I visited the DOE facility in Carlsbad some 3 years ago and the young man there already knew that high level radioactive waste would be brought to WIPP or this region. I am extremely angry that Yucca Mountain has had the benefit of decades and of study and millions of dollars, yet Dean Heller can sidestep this project for the benefit of his re-election. Where is the patriotism in his group of right leaning thinking? New Mexico has already submitted to their part when WIPP was built and commissioned. Also, with something this extremely important and dangerous it is not acceptable to cram through an environmental impact study just to meet the guidelines of the NRC. This facility even as an interim storage facility is looking at 40-60 years, with canisters that are barely beneath the surface. Washington state has already had radiation leakage of decommissioning a reactor so do you really think New Mexicans believe this will not become a permanent site? I have read of all the radiation leakages in other sites around the country, the uproar of communities that do not want it transported and I can give you material evidence that indeed storage methods now are not safe, nor is transportation. Speaking of transportation, it would take one run to Yucca Mountain which will be our permanent storage site and if you used 2 sites, it would take 2 runs by rail. Are you really going to subject Americans to this extra risk. No domestic or foreign country had set up a permanent repository because of the safety and outrage, and high propensity of environmental damage, the Not In My Backyard syndrome. Why would you think NM would be any different than a small group of Freedom Caucus politicians that think they can dictate this political mess to the financial benefit of a few while they don't have to live in the mess? This EIS will not pass the public comment period, it cannot be mitigated to standards acceptable by the public, and if this depository has to happen now, then put it at Yucca Mountain where the proper channels have been followed and scores of congressmen have toured the place and several have led a promotion and lead on making that the only and final resting place of this high level radioactive waste. Stop picking on a poor community and putting environmental in a ASAP. The people and politicians can get zero answers from this ultra right Republican effort led by our governor down to the businessman in Hobbs-Lea County. I am 100% against using SE - NM as a depository.

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