



Department of Energy
Under Secretary for Nuclear Security
Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585



May 18, 2023

The Honorable Sarah Cottrell Propst
Cabinet Secretary
State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Drive
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Dear Secretary Propst:

Thank you for your March 3 letter regarding the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) activities involving radioactive and mixed wastes being transported, produced, stored, and/or disposed of within the state of New Mexico. NNSA agrees that transparency regarding waste management is important and strives to have up front, transparent communications with regulators, stakeholders, and the public regarding radioactive waste activities.

NNSA's Enterprise Waste Management organization will be responsible for coordinating engagements with the Task Force regarding our mission scope and plans to ship newly generated transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), including waste processed from the Surplus Plutonium Disposition Program. NNSA will also continue to engage in public forums regarding NNSA's transuranic waste shipments in New Mexico.

A member of NNSA's Office of Enterprise Waste Management will contact Louise Martinez to update the Task Force. If you or the Task Force have any questions, please contact Loida Begley, Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for the Office of Enterprise Stewardship, at (202) 586-1747.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill H".

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