Madai Corral, Hearing Clerk

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New Mexico Environment Department

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Re: DP-831 Groundwater Discharge Permit for WIPP

Docket No. GWQB 21-19

Dear Ms. Corral:

I oppose the inclusion of Salt Cell 5 and Salt Storage Pond 5 in the groundwater discharge permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), DP-831. Those facilities are essential for the new Shaft 5 and associated drifts, which are part of the "Forever WIPP" expansion, which I strongly oppose.

Further, I object to including facilities essential for the new Shaft 5, when construction of the shaft has not been permitted by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). There is overwhelming public opposition to permitting the new Shaft 5, as well as many technical and legal problems.

I oppose "Forever WIPP." I am part of a growing movement in opposition to WIPP expansion, including the new Shaft 5 and associated drifts. I am opposed to the inclusion of Salt Cell 5 and Salt Storage Pond 5 in DP-831.

I request that Salt Cell 5 and Salt Storage Pond 5 and its discharge capacity of 1,292,499 gallons per day be deleted from the DP-831 draft permit.

Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,