

# NO HIGH-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE IN NEW MEXICO

The Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, established by President Obama to provide advice and recommendations on nuclear waste storage, processing, and disposal, will make only one visit to New Mexico. Some people in the Carlsbad area will tell the Commission that they would welcome nuclear waste disposal and processing facilities! **We know that the vast majority of New Mexicans don't want high-level nuclear waste – but we need to say so to the Blue Ribbon Commission!**

## **When is the Blue Ribbon Commission in New Mexico?**

Wednesday, January 26, 2011 – The Commission will tour the WIPP site, east of Carlsbad.

Thursday, January 27 – 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Pecos River Conference Center in Carlsbad. The Commission holds a Public Meeting and is inviting Governor Martinez, local and WIPP officials, and others to speak. The public will have approximately an hour to speak from 2 to 3 p.m. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but will not exceed 5 minutes. Those wishing to speak can register from 8:00 a.m. until noon at the meeting site.

Friday, January 28 – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Hyatt Regency Albuquerque, 330 Tijeras, NW. The Commission holds a Public Meeting and is inviting the congressional delegation and others to speak. The public will have approximately an hour to speak from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but will not exceed 5 minutes. Those wishing to speak can register from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the meeting site.

## **Who's on the Blue Ribbon Commission?**

Former Senator Pete Domenici is one of the 15 members. The co-chairs are former Rep. Lee Hamilton and Retired General Brent Scowcroft. The other members are from the nuclear industry, retired members of Congress, academia, and think tanks.

## **Why is it important to speak to the Blue Ribbon Commission?**

The Commission will release its draft report this spring. Over the last year, the commissioners have learned that **the federal government cannot force high-level nuclear waste dumping on a state that doesn't want it! Nevadans stopped the Yucca Mountain dump!**

**The Commission and New Mexico officials need to hear that New Mexicans will not accept high-level nuclear waste storage, transportation, or disposal!**

**Enough is Enough! New Mexico already has more than 2.5 million cubic feet of nuclear waste at WIPP, millions of tons of uranium waste, and waste at Los Alamos and Sandia.**

## **For more information:**

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