

Radiation scare at New Mexico nuclear plant

U.S. investigators are stressing that no contamination was found at an underground nuclear waste site after high radiation levels were detected

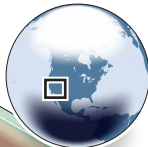
WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT (WIPP)

World's third deepest geological repository for nuclear waste

Salt storage



Air exhaust shaft
Airborne radiation detected. Filters activated to prevent air exchange with surface



Soil and rock

Nearly impermeable layer of salt

Experimental area

Air intake shaft

350m

655m

U.S.

200km

124 miles

Los Angeles



NEW MEXICO



WIPP plant, Carlsbad

Waste disposal

Mostly plutonium, used in production of nuclear weapons