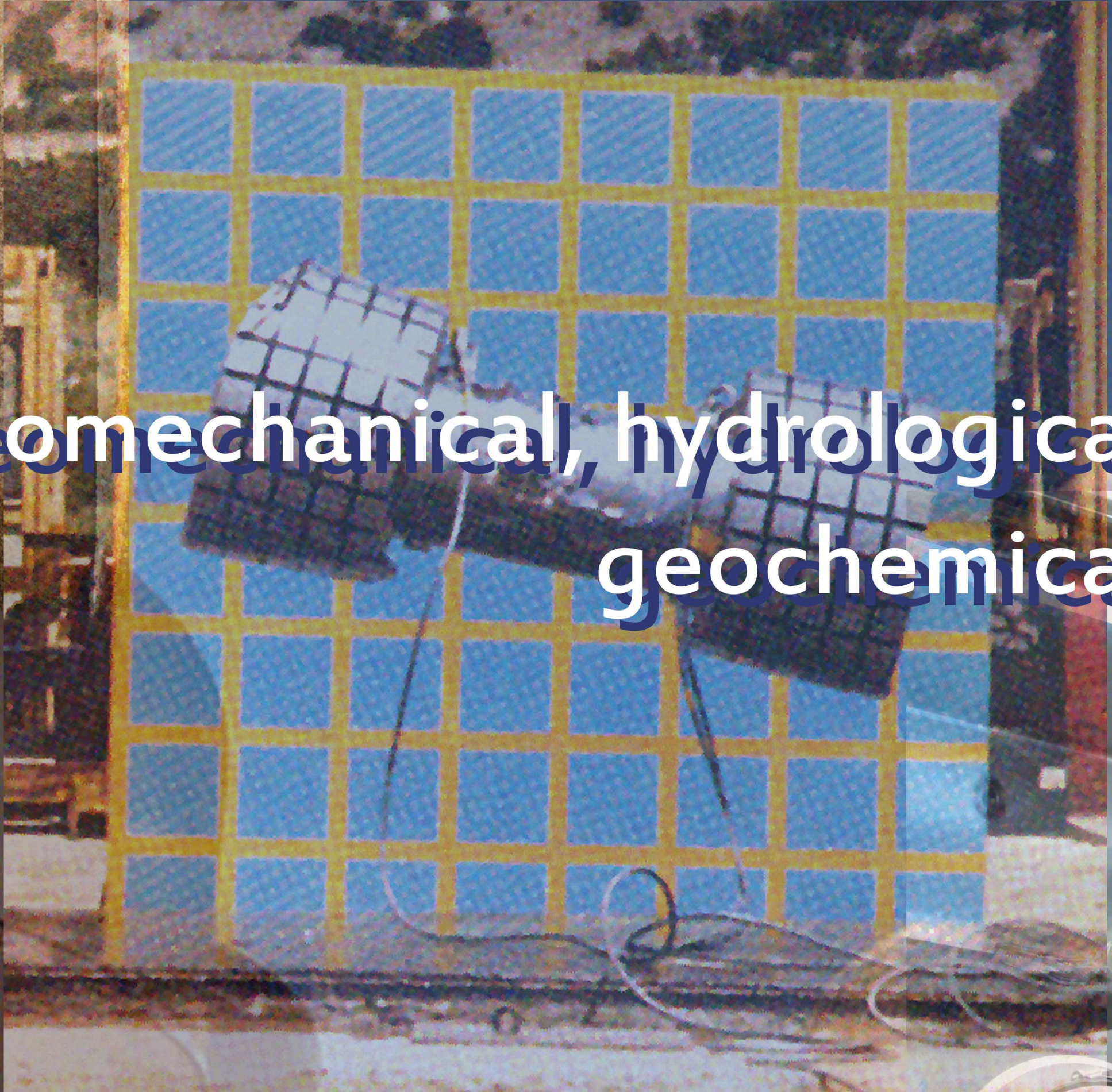


**SANDIA** exceptional service in the national interest

**SANDIA** over thirty years of salt science research

**SANDIA** science advisor to the WIPP



**SANDIA** geomechanical, hydrological, geochemical investigations

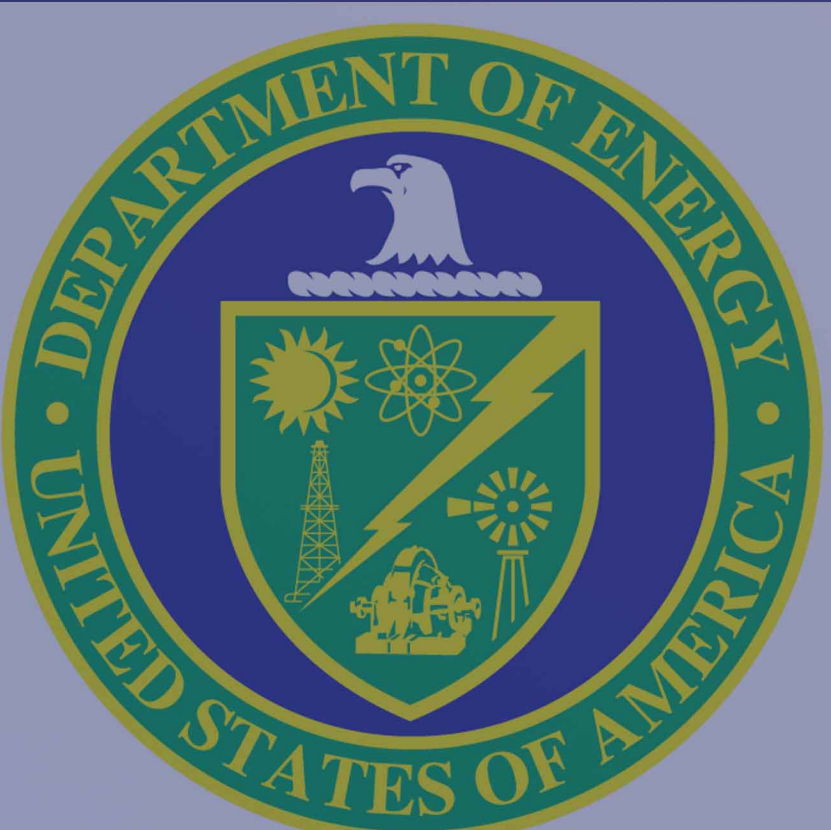


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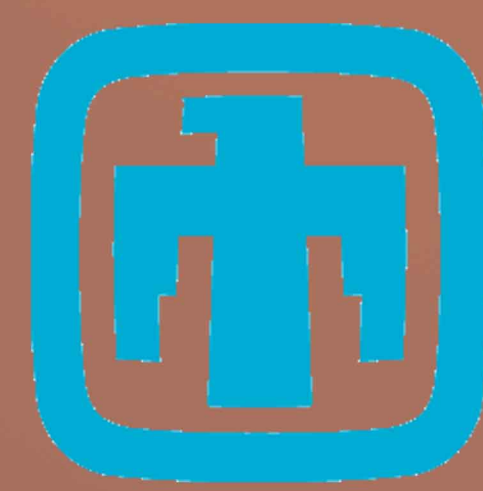
**SANDIA** pioneering performance assessment methodologies



**SANDIA** leads the way to regulatory compliance



*From science to compliance*

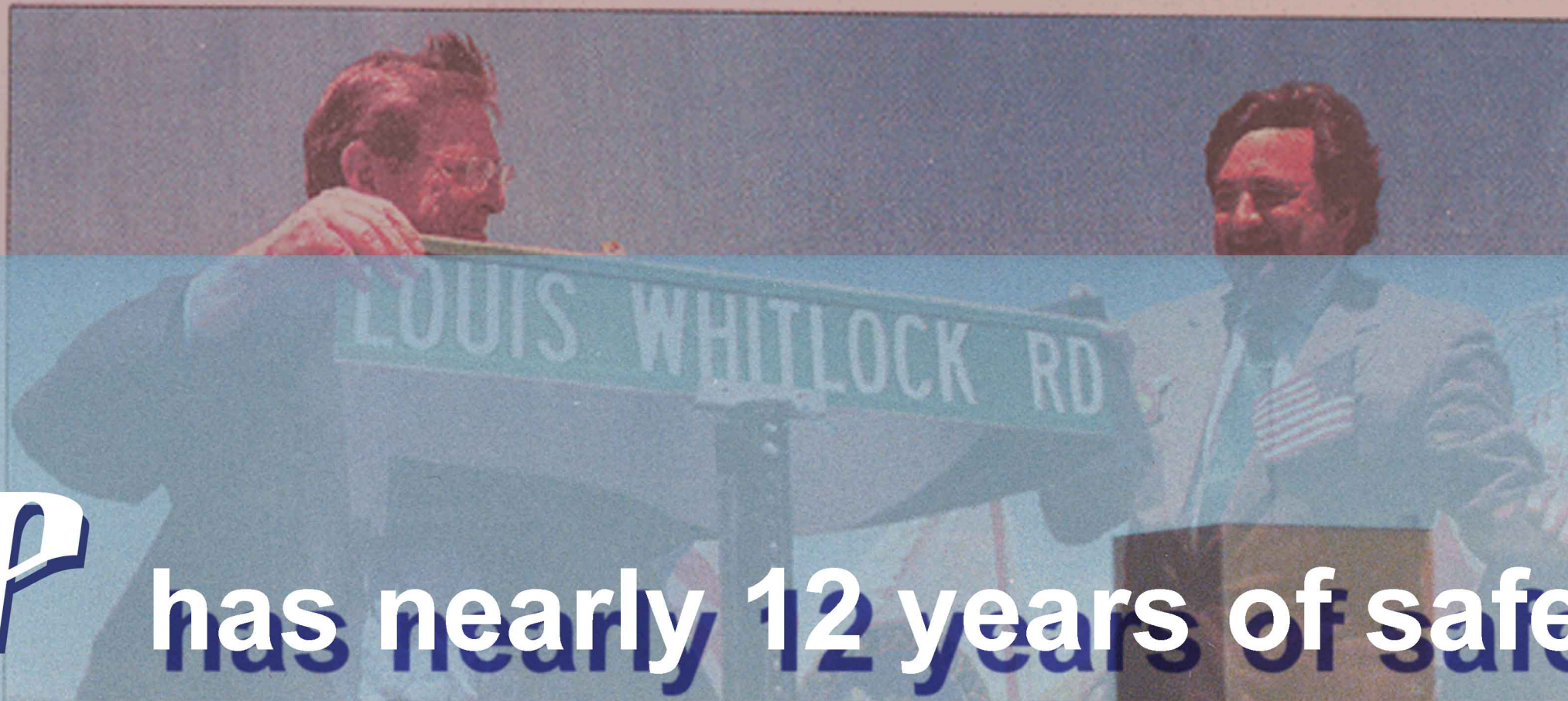


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# It's official: WIPP's open for business

## Richardson, N.M. congressmen on hand for grand opening ceremony

By Victoria Parker-Stevens  
Carlsbad Staff Writer



**WIPP** has nearly 12 years of safe operations

**WIPP** no radiological releases, fatalities,  
life-threatening injuries

**WIPP** TRU waste disposed from over 14 sites

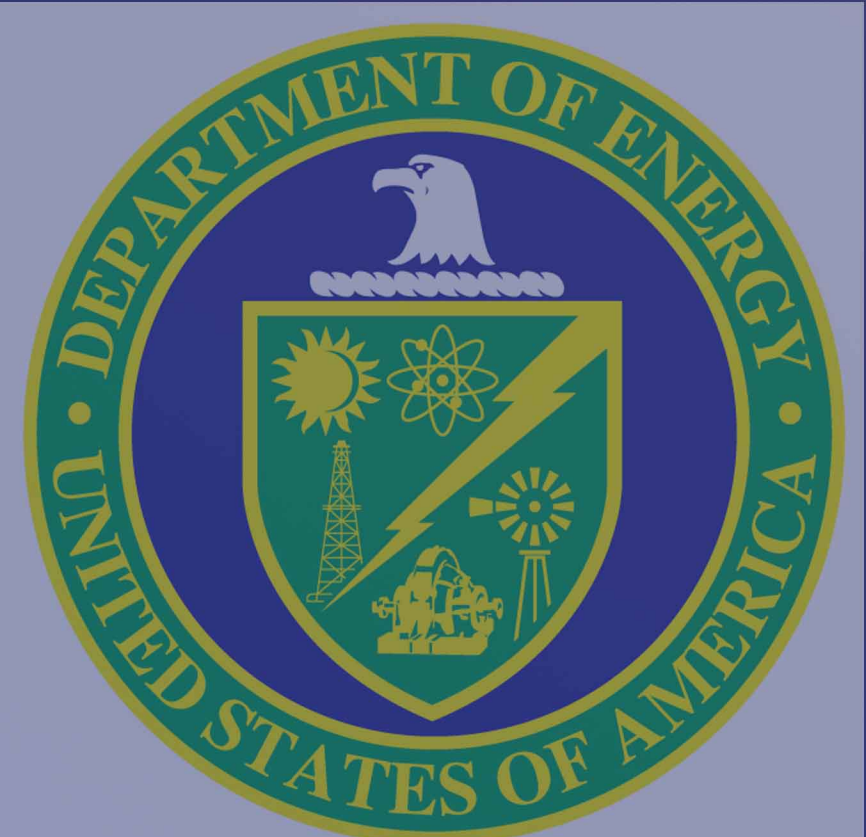
**WIPP** reducing risk to our fellow citizens

**WIPP** cleaning up our environment

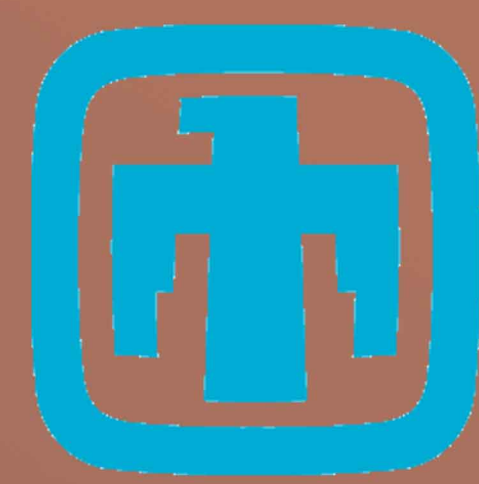


**WIPP** paving the way to energy independence

**WIPP** proving that it can be done



*Assurance in repository performance*



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**SUCCESS** because the nation needed WIPP

**SUCCESS** because the community wanted WIPP

**SUCCESS** because the stakeholders were consulted

**SUCCESS** because of strong leadership

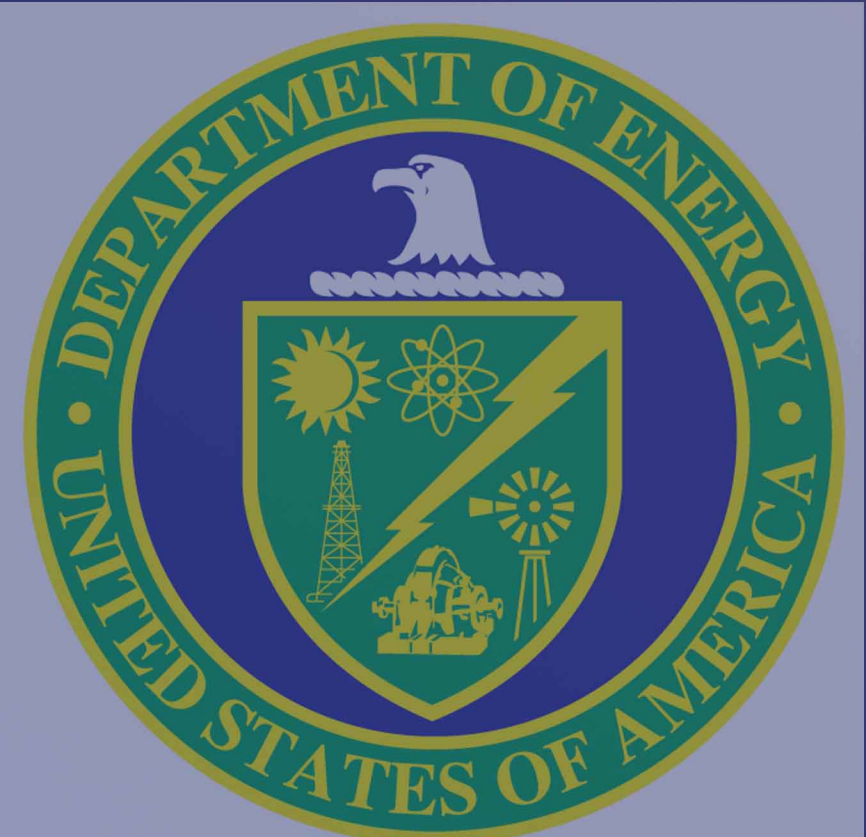
**SUCCESS** because of people  
getting the hard work done



**OUR NATION** needs a closed fuel cycle  
for nuclear power

**OUR COMMUNITY** is willing to help

*Cities of Carlsbad & Hobbs  
Lea & Eddy Counties*



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**SALT** has a wide geographic distribution

**SALT** can be mined easily



**SALT** is plastic

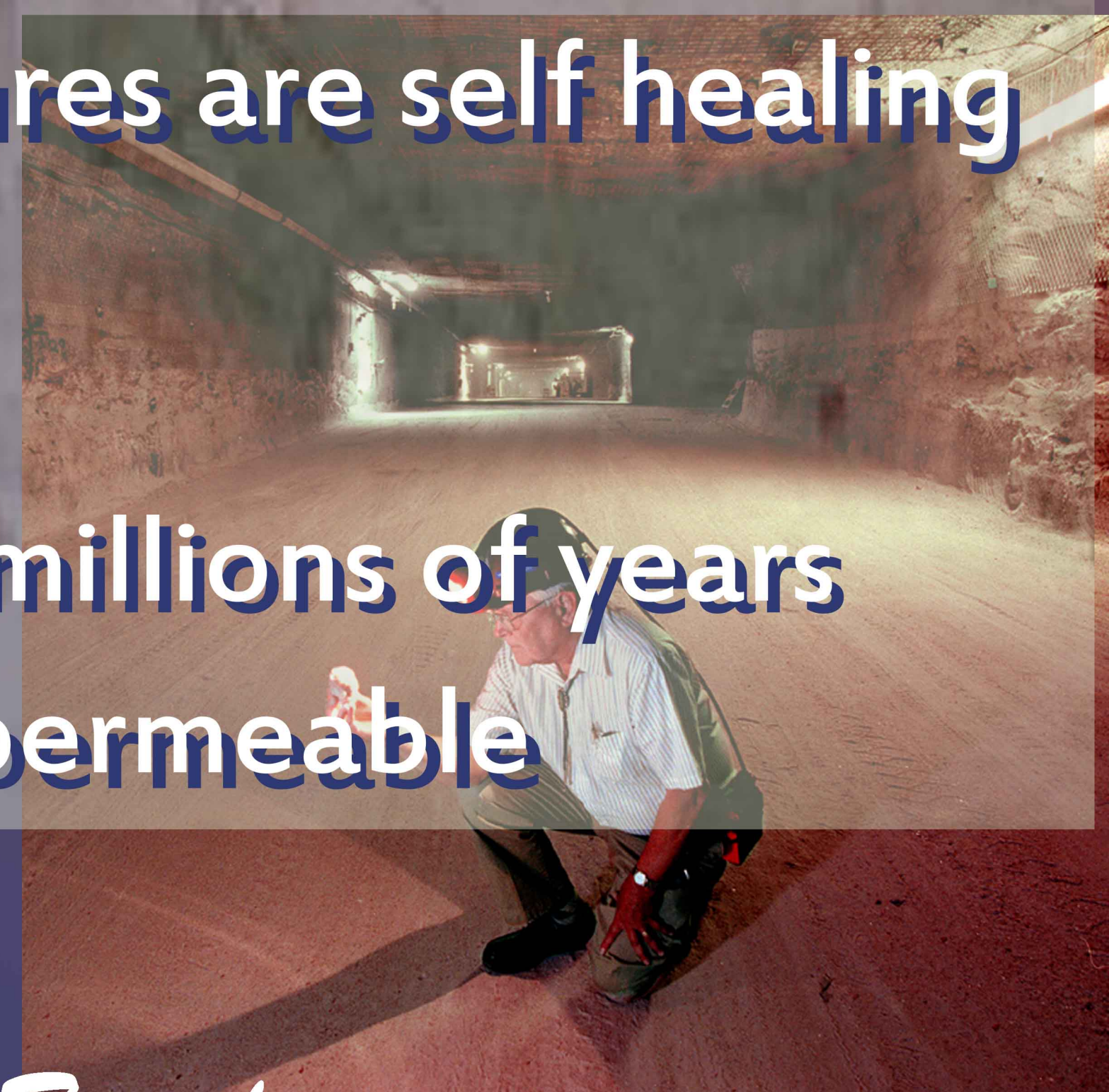


**SALT** has a relatively high thermal conductivity

**SALT** fractures are self healing

**SALT** has existed underground for millions of years

**SALT** is essentially impermeable



*Complete Isolation over Geologic Timeframes*

