

Drum Breach: Error Politics, Operational Temporalities, and the U.S.

WIPP Nuclear Waste Repository's Kitty Litter Accident

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In 2014 at the WIPP underground repository in New Mexico, a nuclear waste drum mispackaged with organic kitty litter erupted with fire. This ethnographic talk explores a fraught nexus of U.S. Department of Energy technopolitics, performance incentives, labor exploitations, subcontracting arrangements, and workflow accelerations that entangled to trigger the accident.

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