

## Saying 'stay out' forever

Scientists at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, one of the nation's repositories for long-lasting waste from nuclear weapons production, are preparing a warning system designed to be legible and understandable for 500 generations.

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The periphery of the site would be marked by 32 stone monoliths; 16 more would be positioned inside the berm.

Information slabs would allow advanced cultures to verify the site's history and the truth of the warnings.

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Nuclear waste disposal area sits 2,157 ft. below surface

A hot cell now used to handle waste would be retained to show that hazardous materials were present.

A 33-foot-high earthen berm barrier would be gigantic yet plain — not to be mistaken for art or a treasure vault.

