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OFFICE OF SECRETARY
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Dear Office of the Secretary,

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is currently considering an application (Nos. IW023 and XW013) submitted by EnergySolutions for a license to import 20,000 tons of radioactively contaminated material from Italy into the United States.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 110 Subpart H, the Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah (HEAL Utah) requests the Nuclear Regulatory Commission conduct a public hearing on this matter in Salt Lake City, Utah, during the time of the public comment period so that oral comments can be submitted for the record. Being that Utah is the ultimate disposal destination for this waste, and that this request raises important questions about the Commission's policies regarding the importation of low-level waste into the United States for disposal, a hearing is in the public interest to give the residents of this state an opportunity to be fully informed of the implications of this proposal and submit oral comments to the Commission to assist it in its decision.

The issues to be raised, including the impacts the transportation and disposal of large quantities of imported radioactive waste could have on the public health and safety and common defense and security of our state and our nation, and whether this license application furthers the "important policy goals" set forth in 60 FR 37556-7 as guidance for granting low-level waste importations, could assist the Commission in making the determinations required by the Atomic Energy Act and 10 CFR 110.45. Furthermore, because the Commission has stated it will consult with Utah before issuing an import license, a hearing would give Utah's public officials a chance to voice their opinions publicly before the Commission to assist it in its decision.

In addition, HEAL Utah requests a 90 day extension of the public comment period on this license application. 30 days is insufficient time for the public to review the documents filed with this import request. A 90 day extension would give the public and officials in Utah and across the nation time to review the information submitted and raise the issues outlined above.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. For clarification on any of the above matters, please contact me at (801) 355-5055 or john@healutah.org. Sincerely,

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