

To: Gov. J. Huntsman,  
Rep's Rob Bishop, Bob  
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The Federal Nuclear  
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Please put a stop to  
these plans now.

Where is our public outrage  
if public outrage prevented  
sites in Europe xx why not  
here?

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Our Utah elected \*  
officials should speak  
up and be heard  
opposing Energy  
Solutions plan as  
stated here and on  
attached Associated  
Press articles! - Who do they support?

How about our legislators?  
What happened to Gov. Huntsman pledge that Utah would not  
become a Nuclear Dump?  
Why was oversite removed from Energy Solutions? - Who  
benefited? - Why would we even consider taking nuclear  
waste from Europe when we don't have adequate storage for  
our own? This is not a good thing! Energy Solutions can  
not be trusted!!!

# Speak now ...

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Or forever hold Italy's nuclear waste

Opposition is mounting against EnergySolutions Inc.'s proposal to import low-level radioactive waste from Italy's dismantled nuclear power industry.

The Utah Radiation Control Board and a key U.S. House committee chairman saddled up against the plan last week, joining a posse of nuclear-watchdog groups, the Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah and congressional leaders from Texas, Kentucky and Tennessee.

While the state control board, according to its lawyer, lacks the legal authority to derail the shipments to EnergySolutions's dump in Tooele County, it will ask the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission to carefully assess our nation's long-term disposal needs before allowing large volumes of foreign waste to enter the country. The EnergySolutions facility at Clive will soon be the sole repository for waste from 36 states. And if company officials have their way, and the NRC sets a dangerous precedent by granting the high-volume import license, the facility may eventually serve much of Europe, where public outrage has prevented the development of even low-level disposal sites.

While the board is powerless to stop the plan, the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management, which controls the flow of waste to the EnergySolutions disposal facility, apparently is not.

In a letter last week, U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., the House Science and Technology Committee chairman, reminded the compact that its 1998 decision to open the Tooele facility to waste generated outside the eight-state compact was made to serve "an important national purpose." And that while accepting waste from Europe serves EnergySolutions' purpose — to make money — it serves no purpose for the nation.

If the license were granted, Gordon wrote, "It would say to the world that the United States is open for business and will take the world's low-level radioactive waste until our facilities are filled, regardless of the needs of our country."

The congressman is correct. And that's not the message the United States and Utah should send.

Now it's time for our governor, our congressional delegation and our state House and Senate leaders to pressure the compact and the NRC to put a stop to EnergySolutions' plan.

You can do your part, too. The NRC is accepting public comment before ruling on the licensing request. If you're worried that Utah could become the world's radioactive waste dump if the plan is approved, and you should be, send your objections to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001, Attn: Rulemaking and Adjudication Staff.

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# Clive facility might receive nuclear waste from overseas

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A company that handles radioactive waste wants to bring 20,000 tons through U.S. ports for eventual disposal in Utah.

EnergySolutions Inc. said the waste from Italy would be processed in Tennessee before being sent to its facility in Clive, Utah, 70 miles west of Salt Lake City.

"That's a lot of waste," said Arjun Makhijani, executive director of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, a nuclear-watchdog group. "As far as I know, it's unprecedented for such a large amount to come to this country for disposal."

EnergySolutions, based in Utah, said licenses had been previously granted to companies that imported radioactive items from France and the Czech Republic.

The waste would come through ports in Charleston and New Orleans.

Two congressmen have raised questions about the plan, noting that EnergySolutions has not been specific about the origin of the waste, other than "reactors, fuel cycle facilities, research facilities, and material licenses or facilities equivalent to U.S. Superfund sites."

Reps. Joe Barton, R-Texas, and Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., said the waste could exceed federal radiation limits, meaning it would not be allowed to enter the country.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman David McIntyre said the agency will take public comment on the EnergySolutions application.

EnergySolutions, which handles radioactive waste from hospitals, universities, government agencies and other sources, has operated a landfill in South Carolina since 1971. The landfill will close next year to all but three states: South Carolina, New Jersey and Connecticut.

# Comment sought for waste plan

EnergySolutions would dispose of nuclear materials

The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comment on a plan to import about 20,000 tons of nuclear waste from Italy for processing in Tennessee and disposal in Utah.

The agency published a notice in the Federal Register on Monday. It is allowing 30 days for people to seek a hearing or request to become an intervener on the plan from Utah-based EnergySolutions Inc.

The company would bring waste through the ports of Charleston, S.C., or New Orleans. It would be 1 million cubic feet, mostly paper, plastic, wood, metal and ion-exchange resins from nuclear plants.

The waste would be processed, burned and recycled at an EnergySolutions plant in Oak Ridge, formerly owned by DuPont, about 25 miles west of Knoxville.

It's estimated about 8 percent, or less than 1,600 tons, would be sent to the EnergySolutions landfill in Clive, Utah.

"This is not anything different than what we've done," Mike Johnson, president of the company's Commercial Facilities Group, told the media.

He said the Oak Ridge facility has probably recycled about 1.5 million tons of radioactive metals from foreign sources since 1996, including Germany, Belgium and Canada.

But the proposal has opponents, including U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee.

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