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Dear Office of the Secretary,

OFFICE OF SECRETARY  
RULEMAKINGS AND  
ADJUDICATIONS STAFF

I am deeply concerned about EnergySolutions' request to import 20,000 tons of Italian nuclear waste into the U.S. I believe that if the Nuclear Regulatory commission grants this request it will be setting a dangerous precedent for the U.S. to become the world's nuclear waste repository.

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The emergence of new and larger nuclear waste sites also presents problems surrounding the transportation of this waste through towns, ports and cities. This poses an unreasonable risk to public health and safety.

EnergySolutions has stated that "the sources of this material are not fully known" and that some of the waste may be above allowable contamination for processing and disposal in Utah. Allowing the disposal of this waste would be a blatant disregard of the welfare of U.S. citizens given that the hazards cannot be fully realized.

Because of the concerns stated above, I strongly urge the Commission to reject the application submitted by EnergySolutions.

Thank You,

Cynthia Pettigrew

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