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Attn: Rulemaking and Adjudications
Re: Import of Italian Nuclear Waste

Please accept the enclosed letter to Congressman Bart Gordon as my comments of record in opposition of the import of Italian nuclear waste, as stated in the Federal Register, Vol.73, No28, page 7765.

(<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20081800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-2484.pdf>)

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February 14, 2008
Congressman Bart Gordon
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Dear Congressman Gordon:

I applaud your stand against the import of Italian nuclear waste to my community for processing. As a recently-retired Oak Ridge worker, I spent 39 years at the Y-12 Plant, and I have to say, we need to clean up our own mess before we take on that of the world. I am one made ill by my work at the Department of Energy site, having been diagnosed with Chronic Beryllium Disease, and my illness was a major factor in my decision to retire at this time. I have seen, and worked with, too many toxic and radioactive materials to welcome new waste into my neighborhood. Our own country's growing problems with the disposal of radioactive waste from nuclear power plants and the like have not been solved, and that should come first. It's about the money, again. Some jobs will be created, and businesses will profit, but at what cost? A look at the cost, in dollars and in human suffering, of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act (EEOICPA) should be enough to discourage such a program. Simply saying, "Oh, we do this kind of thing all the time" is not good enough. I implore you to continue your opposition to this and any future attempts to degrade our nation with any such foreign waste.

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