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Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Subject: Storing Foreign Nuclear Waste in Utah

As a long-time Utah resident and one who witnessed the nuclear fall-out of the 1950s, I am vehemently opposed to storing foreign nuclear waste in Utah. We have suffered enough with nuclear effects of fallout from the Nevada nuclear tests. Both my wife and I are "Downwinders." Although we haven't yet suffered the effects of nuclear fallout, we have many friends and relatives who have died from those horrible effects.

I am of the strong opinion that nuclear waste generated by other countries should be disposed of in the country of origin without subjecting us to dispose of their nuclear waste.

Energy Solutions has tried to persuade the Utah Legislature and the Governor to buy into their creeping tactics of continuing to expand the current site in Tooele County, Utah. They have spent significant amounts of money in lobbying efforts, and buying off politicians with campaign donations. Having watched this company evolve from the old Envirocare has been revealing in the efforts to buy off key decision makers.

I don't believe that accepting nuclear waste from any other country is in the best interests of Utah and our nation. If this is allowed to proceed it will set a dangerous precedent that we will all regret later. Just as we were promised in the 1950s that the nuclear tests in Nevada were safe, we are hearing much the same rhetoric by Energy Solutions.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission must stop this proposal immediately. If allowed, the precedent will cause long-term harm and result in Utah being the nuclear dump of the world.

Sincerely,


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