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I write to request that you deny License Applications Nos. IW023 and XW013 (Federal Register Volume 73, Number 28, 2/11/08).

I understand that in the US "low-level" radioactive waste includes all the commercial nuclear waste except irradiated fuel from nuclear reactors, the liquid and sludge from reprocessing and the solid into which that is converted. In most of Europe this same range of waste is considered "low" and "intermediate" level. Regardless, it includes the same long-lasting, deadly radionuclides as in high level radioactive waste and sometimes in even greater concentrations.

Despite no place or technology to isolate the waste as long as it is radioactively hazardous, the nuclear industry creates more and more. This is bad policy and poor planning at both the industry level and within our federal government.

A major US nuclear waste company, **EnergySolutions**, with a near monopoly on commercial nuclear waste treatment and disposal in the US, proposes large scale importation of nuclear waste from **Italy** for processing and disposal in the US. This import license application is open for public comment until March 12, 2008. On February 28, 2008, over 50 national, state and local groups and individuals requested an extension of 90 days for public comments and requests to hold hearings and intervene. Bravo for them!

Many Congressmembers now, including (Rep. Gordon, Rep. Matheson, Rep. DeFazio and others, including many state legislators and several governors, are sponsoring legislation and/or resolutions to oppose these applications.

A million cubic feet, 20,000 tons, and large amounts of radioactivity from the Italian nuclear industry facilities - what appears to be most of Italy's "low" and intermediate level radioactive waste - could be brought around the globe to the US through the ports of Charleston, South Carolina and New Orleans, Louisiana. It would then go to Memphis and Oak Ridge Tennessee for "processing" and the remains transported to Utah for burial.

The applications which support these proposals need to be denied for basic public health and in the public interest. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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