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Office of the Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY
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Dear NRC Office of the Secretary;

The San Luis Obispo County Chapter of Grandmothers for Peace, International, opposes the two applications (73 *Federal Register* 7764-7766, February 11, 2008) from EnergySolutions for import/export licenses that would bring up 20,000 tons of radioactive waste, approximately 1,000,000 cubic feet by volume (mainly from Italian nuclear power and related industries) into the U.S. for processing including incineration, other processing, transport, and disposal.

The applications, if approved, would allow those vast amounts of Italian "low and intermediate" level nuclear waste to be shipped across the Atlantic Ocean, unloaded at U.S. ports, transported on U.S. roads, rails and/or waterways for processing in Tennessee, and disposal either in Tennessee or at the EnergySolutions nuclear dump in Utah. Such handling and transportation would endanger workers and public health and safety, as well as the environment, and pose security risks.

Importing such massive amounts of nuclear waste could affect the ability to manage our own nation's large amounts of nuclear waste. In addition, the U.S. Department of Energy plans for nuclear weapons production and new nuclear power plants, and nuclear utility plans for new power plants would create unknown vast additional quantities of wastes to be disposed in this nation.

Because importing those Italian wastes is inimical to the common defense and security and constitute an unreasonable risk to the public health and safety, we ask the NRC to deny the EnergySolutions import/export licenses for those nuclear wastes.

Sincerely,

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