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Secretary
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Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

As you are currently soliciting comments on the request of EnergySolutions to import 20,000 tons of radioactive waste and debris from Italy, please consider the following.

Many of the citizens and lawmakers of South Carolina, and I, are adamantly opposed to granting the aforementioned company the license to such importation. It would seem irresponsible to open the borders of the United States to such importation activity given the opposition of the U.S. citizenry to radioactive dumpsites, even those necessary to service our own nuclear energy industry. Further, because waste sites are a limited resource both now and in the longer term, it would be an abuse to the United States' domestic nuclear energy program to allow foreign radioactive waste on U.S. soil. In the past, outcries of the U.S. citizenry have curtailed new waste site development activity within the United States and dampened our appetite for further nuclear energy development. However, given the desire to move away from dependence on foreign oil and fossil fuels, now we must logically consider nuclear energy expansion as an appropriate alternative. Therefore, our resources will be needed to process our own nuclear waste in increasing amounts. Why then should we accept the nuclear waste of foreign nations?

Each country should provide for the disposal within its own borders of the waste that it generates.

I respectfully ask that you deny any application for license by EnergySolutions, and any other enterprise, company or agency, which proposes to import foreign radioactive waste for disposal in the United States of America.

Respectfully,


Douglas A. Stephenson

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