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Dear Sir or Madam:

I want to express my objections to the licensing request by Energy Solutions Inc. to the importation of low-level radioactive waste from Italy. My objections are based on the following:

1. The USA has not really solved storage problems of our own radioactive waste. So far we have only **temporary** storage solutions. The storage sites currently available in the USA are very limited and will themselves fill up in a decade or two. Using such sites for foreign waste now will make them unavailable for our own waste a few years down the line. Thus, Energy Solution is hoping to have a quick profit now, while creating great difficulties for the USA later.

2. As far as I know, Italy does not have ANY place to store the waste. They should have solved their problem and not pass it on to us.

3. Transporting the radioactive waste across the USA is a hazardous operation. Further, it will require transportation close to major population sites, such as Salt Lake City. Is Energy Solutions ready to post a multibillion dollar hazard bond to cover possible nuclear accidents? Or if such occurs, nobody will be able to sue them since they will have gone out of business.

4. The easy availability of nuclear waste and stored in many not well-protected locations represents a terrorist hazard. Is Energy Solution proposing (and funding in advance with a suitable bond) a guard operation for proposed site for the next 200 years?

5. Approving this application would establish a precedent for future such applications, creating a radioactive waste dump in the State of Utah. This is unacceptable for me and many other people in Utah.

6. In my opinion such applications should be automatically rejected UNTIL a complete solution is found to the problem of radioactive waste products by recycling or by other means. Until then we have to live with our home-grown nuclear waste, which is bad enough, and we do not need other people's problems thrust upon us.

7. As an interim measure it would be good if the NRC would solve the temporary storage problem for own waste which is "temporarily" has been stored in many locations in unsafe and hazardous conditions.

Sincerely,

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