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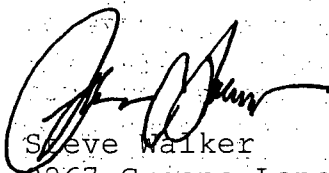
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Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

I object emphatically to EnergySolutions' proposal to import radioactive waste from Italy or anywhere else to be buried in Utah. The proposal seems to me doubly unwise: [1] It's an obvious prostitution of Utah's environment for economic profit at the cost of human and environmental health and heightened military risk. [2] It's a dangerous precedent for the disposal of European radioactive waste in the United States.

We're downwinders here. Anyone who lived in idyllic Southern Utah in the track of the 1950s Nevada atomic bomb tests knows from direct experience of loved ones lost to cancer the direct dangers of radioactivity. The only possible excuse for forgiveness of the federal government's murderous actions then is the hope they didn't know any better at the time. Now they do.



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