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Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Re: Public Comment  
EnergySolutions Import License Application IW023

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I would like to comment on the proposal by Energy Solutions to import 20,000 tons of nuclear waste from Italy for processing in Tennessee and storage in Utah. The Import License Application number is IW023.

**I TOTALLY OPPOSE THIS LUNACY WHICH IS DIRVEN ONLY BY THE GREED OF ENERGY SOLUTIONS. What kind of solution is it when you bring waste a third of the way around the world to dump it in the United States?**

As you well know TVA stopped construction on plants at Yellow Creek, Tennessee and Hartsville, Tennessee in large part due to issues dealing with waste disposal. More recently, Hank Thompson (the County Executive for Sumner County), and a few of his cronies tried to push a waste processing facility down everyone's throat at the dormant Hartsville site. They didn't even have the manhood to hold public hearings. Again there was a resounding **NO** from the people of Tennessee.

If you include the Paducah Kentucky facility just north of the Tennessee line, Tennessee is already impacted by three nuclear processing facilities. The others are at Erwin and Oak Ridge. I believe, but am not certain, that it has been documented that cancer rates are higher in these three areas. (The last report that I read concerned railway workers who worked these areas and were subject to increased exposure) A little unbiased research would provide a definitive answer.

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We don't need or want more nuclear waste. If we did, we have the ability to produce our own.

I love Italy, it's history and her people. My position is that if the Italians want to send Tennesseans a case of olives, we'll gladly accept. However, if they want to send us 20,000 tons of their nuclear waste, I'm sure that they can figure out where I think they can put it (even without translation).

Italy needs to take care of their own nuclear waste problems. They produce the mess and they can sit on it. Energy Solutions needs to worry a little more about our country and a little less about making money for the bean counters who live thousands of miles from the property and lives they are destroying. The NRC needs to worry more about what's good for America's future generations and less about making money for a greedy group who cares only for themselves.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Matson".

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