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OFFICE OF SECRETARY
RULEMAKINGS AND
ADJUDICATIONS STAFF

TO: NRC REGULATORY COMM.

RE: LICENSE TO IMPORT AND PROCESS
ITALIAN NUCLEAR WASTEFROM: TOM WHETSER
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THIS IS A REQUEST FOR A HEARING ON THE ENERGY SOLUTIONS INC. REQUEST TO IMPORT FOREIGN NUCLEAR WASTE FOR PROCESSING NEAR OAK RIDGE, TN. AS A NEARBY RESIDENT OF THE WASTE'S DESTINATION I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY AND WISDOM OF THE VENTURE. INFORMATION SHOULD BE MADE READILY AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS WITHIN PERHAPS A 25 MI RADIUS OF THE OPERATION. SOME OF MY CONCERNS ARE...

■ THE NATURE OF THIS WASTE PROCESSING NEEDS TO BE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL.

■ MAPS SHOWING THE AREAS LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY FALLOUT AND RUN-OFF SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

■ WHEN WAS AN OVERALL AUDIT OF THIS

AREA'S CONDITION IN RESPECT TO RADIOACTIVITY
LAST MADE?

■ WHAT PART HAS THE FACILITY'S DECADE OF
OPERATION PLAYED IN ACCUMULATION OF METALS,
RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL, GAS DISCHARGES ETC
IN OUR ENVIRONMENT?

■ WHAT PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN IN PLACE
AND ARE CURRENTLY USED TO PROTECT AND
TRACK WORKERS' HEALTH?

RESIDENTS IN THIS AREA HAVE PLENTY
OF REASON TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT LACK
OF OVERSIGHT IN MATTERS THAT AFFECT OUR
HEALTH AND USE OF OUR LAND. CARRYING AROUND
AN OXYGEN TANK AS A RESULT OF EXPOSURE
TO RADIATION, METALS, ETC IS A POSSIBLE
RESULT OF THE PROPOSED SMOLDERING
"DIRTY BOMB" NEARBY.

NONCHARANT ATTITUDES TOWARD SAFE-
GUARDS FOR WORKERS AT THE PLANTS IN OAK
RIDGE LED TO THE DEATH OF AN OTHERWISE
HEALTHY NEXT-DOOR-NEIGHBOR OF MINE.
HAULING TOXIC RESIDUE FROM A RAILROAD
FACILITY IN KNOXVILLE LED TO RUINING

WELLS IN THE BURNETTE CREEK AREA SOUTH
OF KNOXVILLE THAT HAD PROVIDED WATER
FOR PROBABLY 200 YEARS. RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS
APPEARED AT A LOCAL SALVAGE YARD IN
SOUTH KNOXVILLE RESULTING IN AN EXPENSIVE
THESE STORIES HAVE BEEN COVERED RECENTLY IN LOCAL NEWS.
LOW-LEVEL CLEAN-UP. A FACTOR IN ITALY'S
DESIRE TO GET RID OF THEIR HOMEGROWN WASTE,
POSSIBLE UN-RELIABLE ACCOUNTABILITY AND
ARCANE METHODS, AND THE BEST ASSURANCES
WE GET ARE ... THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON
FOR OVER A DECADE.

PLEASE GIVE THIS CURRENT
EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION A THOROUGH
REVIEW.

SINCERELY,

Tom Whetsel