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Senator Orrin G. Hatch
135 So. State Street
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Re: Energy Solutions request for an import
license on Italy's Nuclear Waste.

Dear Senator:

Thank you for your response to my objection
letter on the Italy Nuclear Waste.
Everything you support has been
reported in detail in the news. This
is what I object to.

How can the Citizens be expected to trust
that proper checking of this waste will
be enforced? Every day we are
made aware of the problems of inspections.
We do not have enough of the proper
agents at our ports to police this policy.

Even last week it was reported that
Hill Air Force Base handled radioactive
materials improperly.

A former company official of Energy
Solutions, Charles Judd, who served

As the Company president when it was
Envision of Utah seeks to block the
Nuke license He has filed a formal appeal.

My concern is that we do not know the
Outcome of this crazy idea. What will it
do to our nation in years to come and
the cost.

Nothing has been said of what good
this would be to our nation - the only
thing I can see is a profit that
would benefit the Corp.

Please Senator Hatfield do a little more
research on this request for a license for
Energy Solutions and support The bill
Reps. Ed Whitfield R-Ky., Jim Matheson, D-Utah
and Co-sponsor Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn.

A Very Concerned Citizen
Ronald Thomas

X cc. Secretary U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Comm.

Washington D.C. 2005-0001

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cc. U.S. Rep. Jim Matheson

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P.S. - As a concerned citizen of our Great United States, I am appalled by the realization that our politicians can be bought by these Corp.

Please see the attached copy of the article in the Salt Lake Tribune dated 4-17-08, this supports a good reason why this license should be rejected.

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EnergySolutions Inc.

Dollars flow to U.S. lawmakers

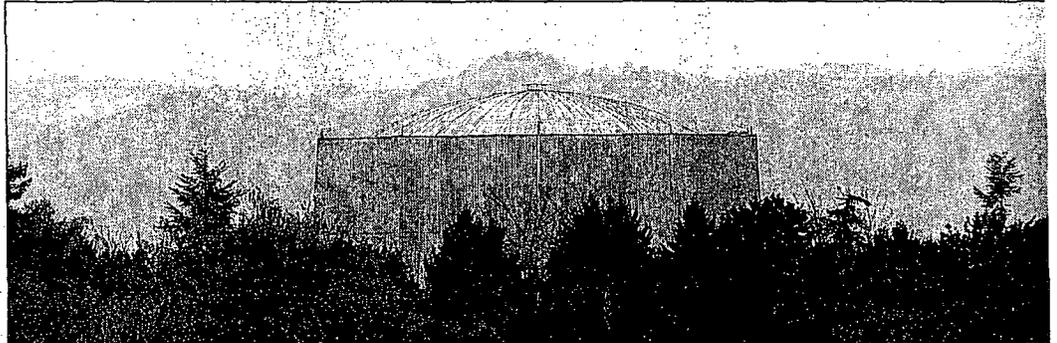
SLC-based company donates \$400,000 to congressional campaigns — up tenfold

BY BROCK VERGAKIS
The Associated Press

A Utah disposal company seeking federal permission to import more than 20,000 tons of nuclear waste from Italy has raised its campaign contributions to lawmakers by hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Salt Lake City-based EnergySolutions Inc. is aggressively donating to members of key energy committees in Congress as it increasingly seeks lucrative federal contracts and legislation beneficial to the nuclear power industry.

Since 2005, the company's political action committee, executives and investors have poured nearly \$400,000 into congressional campaigns



ANTONIO CALANNI/The Associated Press

The nuclear waste processing and storage facilities in Saruggia, Italy, hold low-level wastes that EnergySolutions Inc. wants to bring to the United States for permanent disposal.

through January, up from about \$40,000 in the four previous years, Federal Election Commission reports show.

The company's growing influence in Washington will be tested this year as it tries to kill a bill that would ban the importation of low-level radioactive foreign waste, which would be disposed of at its dump in western Utah's desert.

"I'm sure this means many

millions of dollars to them, so I'm sure they're going to be working hard to stop it," said Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., the bill's co-sponsor.

The bill by Gordon and Reps. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., and Jim Matheson, D-Utah, would allow only nuclear waste that originated in the U.S. or came from an overseas American military base.

EnergySolutions increased

lobbyist spending from \$680,000 in 2006 to more than \$1 million last year, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan research group.

The company already handles some foreign waste, but the amount it wants to import from Italy would be the largest ever from another country, Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman David McIntyre said.