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To the Nuclear Regulatory Committee:

As a US citizen and resident of the state of Tennessee I wish to voice my concern and initial opposition to any plans under consideration to import nuclear waste from overseas to the United States for disposal.

I foresee in the near future an increased reliance on nuclear fuel domestically in an effort to reduce CO2 emissions as well as potentially harmful pollutants from other conventional fuels currently in use. Our need to dispose of our own nuclear fuel merits primary consideration: Using our resources now for other countries' depleted fuel compromises our own ability to safely manage the development of nuclear energy.

In addition, there's a myriad of safety concerns, both environmental and national security, with the transport of nuclear materials from overseas to the United States. Our adversaries could potentially exploit border and sea port channels designed to allow importation of nuclear materials to catastrophic ends.

The US has enjoyed decades of no significant nuclear mishaps relative to the transportation of nuclear material. Should a transport vessel bound for the US sink or lose its payload, the recovery efforts may not be successful and pose risk to our territorial waters which could adversely affect our fishing industry, among others.

I am a staunch supporter of nuclear energy, but I believe each nation or region must assume responsibility for the safe and proper disposal of nuclear materials. Ideally, the United States will emerge as a leader in technologies that enhance the disposal or neutralization of nuclear materials, rather than becoming a nuclear dump.

I thank you for the consideration granted to me

Yours most cordially,

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