

Hearing Docket

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Greetings,

I support Representative Gordon's legislation (H.R. 5632) to block the NRC from authorizing imports of low level nuclear waste.

The major question revolves around whether the United States should allow itself to essentially become a repository (dumping ground) for low level nuclear waste. If a country wishes to engage in operations that produce such waste, they should be prepared to dispose of such on their own soil.

I am concerned that, if countries opt to not pursue storing such waste within their boundaries, they would be more apt to not ensure the safety of the waste; nor would they be apt to control their production. However I have a deeper concern as well...

I have reservations that allowing such could be done with sufficient safety and security controls. Envision this scenario: a load of waste from overseas is enroute across the country from the receiving port on the southeast Atlantic coast to a storage facility out west. When the cargo reaches Nashville, Tennessee, along Interstate 40 (the probable route) a GPS receiver notes the targeted location and activates a small hidden explosive.

Granted, a "dirty bomb" scenario is rather unlikely...but so was planes slamming into buildings. While I believe this proposal is wrong just from the standpoint of not wanting to accept other nation's "garbage", it scares me from the security perspective.

Regardless of whether or not Rep. Gordon's legislation becomes law, I urge the NRC to reject this concept. What possible benefit could it have for the United States?

Sincerely,
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