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RE: Energy Solutions letter of December 5, 2007 to the NRC

The proposed importation of 20,000 tons of radioactive and hazardous waste, or more, from Italy appears to be a significant federal action, warranting federal regulation of its potential public health, safety and environmental impacts. I understand that such an import would be banned by most if not all European Union countries, including Italy itself.

A licensing process for such a strange and precedent setting action should provide for publicly available Safety Evaluations and Environmental Impact Statements prepared by USNRC, EPA, and other involved federal agencies. In view of the out-of-country origin of the wastes, and the impacts that will occur over several states, public participation in proceedings would seem appropriate, with full access to all correspondence and records. Matters regarding the authority of federal regulators to have access in Italy to records concerning the origins and compositions of the wastes, to inspect the proposed waste packages, and to enforce applicable safety standards need to be addressed in advance. Financial liabilities in the event of unexpected releases of radioactivity to the environment or occupational exposures because of violations occurring in Italy should be recognized.

Thank You,

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