

## Hearing Docket

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Insert personal comments here: : I'm writing to strongly urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to deny EnergySolutions' request to import 20,000 tons of Italian nuclear waste into the U.S—it sets a dangerous precedent that we cannot and should not allow.

Responsibility for any sort of waste disposal must remain with its producer. Without their bearing the burden of having to solve the problem, solutions are unlikely to be developed - and what incentive would the producers have to implement them anyway if we've let them off the hook in the first place? Here are some examples where putting the monkey on the back of the industry creating the problem:

Think about how well auto manufacturers can do and have done - when mandated - to reduce emissions and increase fuel mileage of their cars. Also think about how little progress is made in these areas without the mandates (SUV- and passenger-truck fuel mileage).

Consider also the significant advances in vehicle and consumer product safety that are a direct result of Federal mandates. Again, because such safety measures increase product cost, manufacturers likely would not have voluntarily implemented them without mandates, due to marketplace price competition.

Think about how - when mandated - solid waste managers are able to drastically reduce landfill use by having consumers sort their waste and by changing their procedures to make use of transfer stations, where they can do more effective recycling and reuse of materials. Would this progress have occurred without the mandate? Most certainly not.

We must put the squeeze on nuclear power producers (and keep it there) to solve their own waste problems. They need to have powerful incentives to find a way to make it much less harmful, to recycle it, and to produce less. Whatever they do produce needs to be able to be stored in their own countries. Allowing transfer of waste from one country to another is simply letting the waste producers off the hook and postponing the long-term solution that needs to be developed.

The nuclear industry must develop creative solutions for nuclear waste, but that should not include sending it to other countries for permanent storage. That is NOT a solution! Italy's nuclear industry must accept accountability for the true external costs of their power production—and not simply let it become another country's problem forever.

So long as an industry can transfer a major problem outside their industry at a lesser cost than dealing with it, solutions are not developed. This 'pain transference option' is a favorite tool of competitive industry to externalize major costs, thereby making their product's 'present cost' artificially low and remain competitive in the marketplace. We are all aware that Wal Mart has used this tool (refusal to provide reasonable health-care

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and retirement benefits—telling employees to go on welfare to get publicly-funded benefits) to great competitive advantage over rivals who do provide such benefits from their own profits.

Finally, regardless of whether any mandates are put in effect to reduce waste production, neither a private company nor a foreign government should have the ability to bring dangerous waste materials into someone else's country.

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