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I would like to comment on License Applications Nos. IW023 and XW013 (Federal Register Volume 73, Number 28, 2/11/08).

I think it is very important to say no to this application at this time. This is a policy decision that should be open to public debate, both in Tennessee and the rest of the country. Most citizens have no idea, here in Tennessee and elsewhere, that bringing in nuclear waste from other countries is even an issue, and are shocked when they learn that not only is it happening, but could happen more and more. Many policy decisions are made without public knowledge or understanding, but this is one subject that Americans have a right to know about. Nuclear waste lasts a long time, and if it manages to escape into American air, soil or water, we have a big problem for a long time. Carefully processing and storing our own nuclear waste is essential, but we certainly don't have to take the risk for another country's waste just because they don't want to deal with it themselves.

After watching the testimonies of "experts" and the questions of US House Representatives in the committee hearing for Bart Gordon's H.R. 5632, I realized that not enough information has been gathered as yet to make a good decision. Questions went unanswered and projections of the future nuclear storage needs for our own country were vague and unclear at best, without adding the possibility of bringing in an ever growing amount of international waste.

The EnergySolutions' CEO Creamer testimony convinced me that he is poised to make our country an international dump, and I'm sure if he's successful, other companies will follow. We surely need to value our land and country more than that. No matter how many scientific quotes are made regarding safety questions and storage capacity questions, the economic opportunities exist for companies like EnergySolutions because other countries are UNWILLING TO RISK THEIR OWN COUNTRY FOR WASTE THEY HAVE GENERATED THEMSELVES. Risk is the key word here--and it is a risk we don't need to rush into.

Another concern is that the policy framework about decisionmaking on nuclear waste from other countries is just not in place enough to grant these applications at this time. With EnergySolutions' lawsuit against the NW Compact because that entity has said NO to the Italian waste when compacts are supposed to be able to make decisions for their areas, it is obvious that current policy just isn't clear enough yet to grant these licenses.

With the real possibility of a fuel, energy and food crisis coming upon us fairly quickly, it is essential that we carefully assess our own needs, FIRST. Agriculture is going to become a foremost concern when the cost of importing food becomes more and more expensive. We can't risk damaging what could be an area of food production for the sake of helping other countries get rid of a problem they don't want to deal with on their own land. Maybe we could send our experts abroad to help them out, if they so want American knowhow.

I think there is just not enough information yet for a good, healthy decision on this issue, and since nuclear waste will be around for a LONG time, there is no rush to take on someone else's problem right now. Please say "no" to license applications Nos. IW023 and XW013.

Thank you,
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