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Please find attached comments from Floyd Gilzow, NRC State Liaison Officer on behalf of the State of Missouri on EnergySolutions Proposal to Import Low-Level Radioactive Waste from Italy. Thank you.

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Ms. Annette L. Vietti-Cook
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Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications.

Re: EnergySolutions' Proposal to Import Low-Level Radioactive Waste from Italy

Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook:

The State of Missouri offers the following comments regarding the proposal to transport foreign radioactive waste to EnergySolutions' facility in Utah. As a potential transportation corridor state, Missouri's comments relate to transportation of the material on interstate highways. Trucks on Interstate 70, one potential route that may be considered for shipments headed to Utah, comprise nearly 30 percent of the daily traffic. The number of trucks on this interstate is growing more than twice as fast as passenger traffic and is projected to double in volume by 2030 (from I-70 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Missouri Department of Transportation, 2008).

Due to regional concerns regarding effective and safe route selection for the transportation of radioactive waste across the Midwest Region and in response to a request from the Department of Energy (DOE), the Council of State Governments' Midwest Office assisted the Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee (MRMTC) in identification of potential highway and rail routes appropriate for transportation of radioactive waste across the Midwest to Yucca Mountain. This process considered land use in the area, population, length of route, and traffic volume and accidents. Unlike previous route analyses by DOE, the route with the shortest anticipated time in transit was not necessarily considered the safest or most appropriate route. The potential routes identified by the twelve states involved in the MRMTC were presented to DOE in 2005.

It should be noted that, using the MRMTC process which addressed issues aside from simply the minimum anticipated time in transit, Interstate 70 was not selected as a potential transportation route. When traffic volume and accidents were included in the analysis, I-70 was eliminated from further review.

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Because of the increasing volume of large trucks on Interstate 70, and the analysis performed by the Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee, Missouri believes that I-70 is not the safest and most appropriate route for transportation of radioactive materials to EnergySolutions' facility in Utah.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on EnergySolutions' Proposal to Import Low-Level Radioactive Waste from Italy. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact me or Ms. Jane Beeter, phone number 573-751-3195. Her address for correspondence is Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Gilzow', written over a horizontal dashed line.

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