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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my opposition to pending action by your commission relative to an application by Energy Solutions Inc. to import, process, and dispose of Italian nuclear waste in Tennessee and Utah. I am opposed for the following reasons:

- As a nation, we cannot seem to agree upon disposal sites for our own nuclear waste. While it is alleged that the present application covers only low to medium level waste, I would hazard to guess that you are besieged by requests from nuclear plants, medical facilities, and other domestic entities to approve disposal sites for comparably toxic waste.
- Approval of this application would set a dangerous precedent for other nations making America their dump for nuclear waste.
- Although the plaintiffs (Energy Solutions, Inc.) in federal court allege that the states of Utah and Tennessee are precluded from blocking this action since this is a power reserved for the federal government, the lack of precedent in this case almost guarantees expensive litigation at a time when individuals, states, and the federal regulatory and judicial processes cannot afford another ill-conceived action benefiting the few while ignoring the people who would be most impacted.

Although I am aware that the public contact period regarding this matter has passed, I felt compelled to submit my concerns upon discovery of the proposed action last week.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,

William P. Stock

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cc Representative Devin G. Nunez
Senator Diane Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer