

Re:Protesting the importation of foreign nuclear waste into Tennessee or any parts of USA.

Dear Office of the Secretary:

Don Safer, chairman of the board of the Tennessee Environmental Council: "The radiation itself is not affected by burnin...g. It's still there, basically in the same form."

I am writing to express my concern about the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) proposal to allow radioactive waste into the State of Tennessee for the purpose of unproven incineration practice. It is my understanding that this material could be released into the atmosphere and cause more cancers to a already over taxed population. I am opposed to any radioactive materials being brought into our country for any kind of storage or disposal. All radiation and radioactivity should be isolated from the environment forever. NRC must set a zero tolerance standard for radioactivity in our communities.

Furthermore, this comment period timing did not consider the general public's ability to comment during the busiest holiday season of year. Considering the awful timing, please allow the comment period another 45 days, so that the concerned public may have a fair opportunity to engage in this discourse.

Regulations should not be used to legitimize adding more radiation to our population. The amount of radiation that Americans are exposed to today is continually increasing as a result of nuclear power generation, nuclear weapons production and testing, and other events. Now the US government wants to increase our exposure further by allowing companies to profit, by bringing foreign waste into our communities? The US government is supposed to protect its citizens from harm, not secretly increase our exposure to these dangerous materials.

Americans have repeatedly expressed our outrage at these proposals. Not so long ago, Congress had to step in and force the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Department of Energy to back off from their "below regulatory concern" activities. I hope we don't have to go down that route again.

A Concerned Citizen, who loves her country,

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