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Dear Sir or Madam:

Representing Citizens to End Nuclear Dumping in Tennessee (ENDIT), a small environmental group which is allied with a consortium of environmental groups across the state of Tennessee and beyond, I am writing today to respectfully request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) extend the deadline for public comment on Energy Solutions applications IW029 and XW018 to import 1000 tons of radioactivity from Germany, transport it to Tennessee for incineration, and then export the radioactive ash residue.

Given the fact that the current deadline of December 29, 2010, comes in the midst of the Christmas holidays, when most people are busy with family and friends, it would behoove the Commission to grant this request so as to allow true public participation in the process.

Our consortium needs time to consult on whether we want to request a hearing, whether we want to petition for leave to intervene, or whether we want simply to file written comments. We cannot make these decisions without adequate time to review and discuss the license applications.

The German corporation from whom Energy Solutions plans to import this waste, EZN, claims to "provide a range of services to the European nuclear industry related to the collection, transportation, processing, storage and disposal of radioactive waste including liquids, solid combustibles, non-combustibles and short or long-lived and high or low-activity radioactive materials." To grant this application allowing Energy Solutions to import from EZN will be to open the doors to a flood of imported radioactive materials into the United States. In the process of incineration, not all of the radiation will be confined to the ash. Some of the radionuclides will be released into the atmosphere, where it will affect the health and well-being of those who live within the prevailing winds. This is not a decision to be made lightly, and certainly not without adequate notice to the people affected.

Therefore, I suggest at least a 60-day extension of the current deadline of December 29, 2010.

Sincerely,



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