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Subject: Fw: E-mail to Secretary Chu - Just Say NO to Energy Solutions' Application to Import 1000 tons of Radioactive Waste from Germany

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February 23, 2011 (10:00 a.m.)

**OFFICE OF SECRETARY
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Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook,

Docket Nos. 110-05896 and 110-05897

On December 28, 2010, I sent the email below to Secretary of Energy Chu. On Wednesday, February 16, 2011, I received a message from Ben McRae (email address Ben.McRae@hq.doe.gov) informing me that the message should have been sent to you.

Sincerely,

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Message sent to Secretary Chu on December 28, 2010

Subject: Just Say NO to Energy Solutions' Application to Import 1000 tons of Radioactive Waste from Germany

Office of the Secretary

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington, DC 20555

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To Secretary of Energy Chu,

I am troubled to learn that Energy Solutions of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, has applied for a license to import up to 1000 tons of radioactive waste from Germany. Eckert and Ziegler Nuclitec, a German-based company, collects these materials from hospitals, research, and technical facilities throughout Europe and beyond. The plan, over a five year period beginning in 2011, is to transport this radioactive waste via boat to Portsmouth or Norfolk, Virginia, and then by truck to Oak Ridge. Energy Solutions would then incinerate the dry material in its Bear Creek processor and return the remaining ash to Germany.

"Do not suffer your good nature, when application is made, to say 'Yes' when you should say 'No.' Remember, it is a public not a private cause that is to be injured or benefited by your choice."

-- George Washington

As Congressman Bart Gordon has said, "If a country like Germany has the capacity to produce large quantities of nuclear waste, it should also have the capacity to treat it and store it....I am concerned once that waste is imported, nothing but an individual corporation's word prevents it from being shipped to U.S. disposal sites."

"Our duty to the whole, including to the unborn generations, bids us to restrain an unprincipled present-day minority from wasting the heritage of these unborn generations. The movement for the conservation of wildlife and the larger movement for the conservation of all our natural resources are essentially democratic in spirit, purpose and method."

-- Theodore Roosevelt

We already have too much nuclear waste of our own to dispose of and don't need more. This is the foot-in-the-door to bringing much of the world's nuclear waste to the United States so that businesses such as Energy Solutions can turn a profit. This practice needlessly exposes our citizens to health risks from radiation during transportation and from radionuclides emitted during incineration. This plan should not be quietly approved during the middle of the holiday season, while few people are paying attention.

"It is horrifying that we have to fight our own government to save the environment."

-- Ansel Adams

We need a thorough study of what kind of waste and what levels of radioactivity Energy Solutions proposes to bring to the United States. We need to know exactly how much radiation people would be exposed to during

transportation. We need to know how much radiation would escape into the atmosphere during the incineration process. We need to know by what means of oversight the Nuclear Regulatory Commission plans to ascertain that the ashes would actually return to their place of origin. We need to know how much foreign waste has already been brought to the U.S. and how it has been disposed of. And above all, we need to know WHY this practice is being followed.

"As we peer into society's future, we—you and I, and our government—must avoid the impulse to live only for today, plundering for our own ease and convenience the precious resources of tomorrow. We cannot mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without risking the loss also of their political and spiritual heritage. We want democracy to survive for all generations to come, not to become the insolvent phantom of tomorrow."

-- Dwight D. Eisenhower

The enormity of this enterprise demands thorough study and public participation. Our citizens ought to have ample time to become informed and to have a say in whether we want nuclear waste brought into our country. Therefore I am asking for a 45-day extension period for public comments and for deadlines to file for hearings or for interventions.

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

-- Aldo Leopold

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do NOT add my name to your mailing list. I will learn about future developments on this issue from other sources.

Sincerely,

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cc: President Obama

--- On Wed, 2/16/11, McRae, Ben <Ben.McRae@hq.doe.gov> wrote:
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On December 28,2010, you sent an e-mail to Secretary of Energy Chu concerning a license application by energy Solutions. After reviewing the e-mail, we believe this e-mail was misdirected and should have been sent to Annette Vietti-Cook who is Secretary of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I believe her e-mail address is NRCExecSec@nrc.gov .

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