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General Comment

2. NRC's sign off on the U.S. Department of Energy's scheme to truck highly radioactive liquid waste more than 1,000 miles from Chalk River, Ontario, Canada to Savannah River Site, South Carolina, U.S.A., shows that there is something seriously wrong with NRC's high-level radioactive waste transportation regulations. Beyond Nuclear and environmental coalition allies in the U.S. and Canada continue to challenge these high-risk shipments. Such liquid shipments are unprecedented in North American history. Faulty welding involving equipment manufactured by Nuclear Assurance Corporation (NAC) at Chalk River, calls into serious question the quality assurance and structural integrity of the jury-rigged shipping containers for the liquid shipments provided by NAC, and rubber-stamped as acceptable by NRC. Waste handling failures by DOE at SRS itself further calls into question the safety of NRC's sign off on the highly radioactive liquid waste shipping scheme. (See additional posts at Beyond Nuclear's Nuclear Waste Transportation website section <http://www.beyondnuclear.org/waste-transportation/>, and Beyond Nuclear's Canada website section<http://www.beyondnuclear.org/canada/> from spring 2013 to the present.)