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## General Comment

I feel very strongly that Waste Control Specialists' (WCS) application to import tons of spent fuel, high-level radioactive waste, from nuclear reactors around the country and store it in Andrews County for 40 years (or longer) should be denied.

This proposal is a hazard to public health and safety in many ways:

- accidents or terrorism incidents could occur along transportation routes, including urban areas like the San Antonio region
- high risk of groundwater contamination at the site, due to the close proximity of groundwater
- cumulative impacts of multiple facilities near the WCS site, increasing the probability of errors and accidents
- possible site security breaches
- impact of engineering storage pad inadequacies or possible accidents during use of the crane to move radioactive waste
- impact of seismic stresses on containment
- exposure of above-ground casks to the weathering effects of temperature extremes, and potential wildfires, tornadoes and earthquakes
- inability to contain leakage since there currently is no provision for a wet pool or hot cell at the WCS, despite the fact that no one knows how to transfer nuclear waste from dry cask to dry cask

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This project subjects local residents to the risk of contamination to their persons, land, personal property, aquifers, air, and local flora, wildlife and livestock. Homeowners' insurance doesn't cover radioactive contamination, subjecting possible victims to abrupt departures from their homes and possessions, medical treatment for contamination, and then lengthy lawsuits to obtain relief.

The affected residents and local government officials should be able to address the NRC in person on this vitally important issue. I ask that you host a hearing so they can voice their many concerns.