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## General Comment

I am commenting on Docket NRC-2016-0231. I am a resident of west Texas. My home is in Midland, Texas. Midland is about 40 miles south of Andrews, Texas, the proposed site for high-level nuclear waste. The prospect of having high-level radioactive waste in Andrews is abominable to me. What especially shocks me is that Texas is importing high level nuclear waste from other states hundreds of miles away. I cannot understand why Representative Conaway negotiated such a deal. This grieves me! My family has been in Texas over four generations. My maiden name is "Houston." Texas is near and dear to my heart. Though I am not keen for Texas to be the site of any stored nuclear waste, it seems appropriate for Texas to safely dispose of whatever waste is generated here in Texas. However, it is ridiculous, even obscene, for Texas to take on the nuclear waste of other states. Transporting high level nuclear waste is a risk that should not be taken. I believe that if nuclear reactors produce this waste, they should own the responsibility to dispose of it, and they should dispose of it at a nearby location. Transporting high level nuclear waste is a risk that calls for avoidance at all costs. I realize that some of these restrictions are not cost effective for the nuclear energy companies. However, until they find a safe way to dispose of nuclear waste, they need to stop, or at the very least, reduce the need for nuclear power. It is nothing short of madness to voluntarily bring into our world massive amounts of lethal doses of radiation that have half lives that range into the thousands, sometimes millions of years. How can we pretend to manage something lethal that lives on in our world for thousands of years? There is no human management plan that can see that far into the future. Is there a human-designed container that is known to survive more than 200 years? How can we, as a society, begin to think that we can adequately care

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for something that far beyond our own lifetimes? There are far too many dangers and far too many questionable containing practices to justify the human risk in this venture. Please do not allow these additional shipments of high-level radioactive waste to be shipped to west Texas!