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General Comment

We are writing to express concern about the environmental injustice of consolidating irradiated nuclear fuel in a region with a large Latin American and low income population, already disproportionately impacted by polluting nuclear/radioactive waste and fossil fuel industries. Thus, we oppose the granting of the license to WCS for this 'dump' for nuclear fuel in West Texas.

Waste Control Specialists (WCS) in West Texas has applied to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a license to construct and operate a "centralized interim storage facility" for 40,000 metric tons of commercial irradiated nuclear fuel, more than half of what exists in the U.S.

The "host" county, Andrews, has a large Latin American population, as well as many low income residents; so too does Eunice, New Mexico, just four miles from WCS across the state border.

This de facto permanent parking lot dump would launch 4,000 high-risk Mobile Chernobyl train car shipments, traveling through most states. Huge risk - and dangerous for all the folks near whom the trains would pass.

A significant number would initially travel by barge on surface waters--Horrors!! on our waters?! -- Floating Fukushimas on lakes, rivers, and seacoasts -- just to reach the nearest rail head. Dirty Bomb on Wheels security risks would abound.

This whole project is a bad idea... we express our opposition.

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