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General Comment

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Spent nuclear fuel is dangerously radioactive for thousands of years. It is not prudent or safe to move it via public waterways, railways or roadways until safe methods are invented for this purpose. We are a long way from that goal.

Even if such safe transportation could be guaranteed, parking this dangerous radioactive waste in open storage in any community is downright criminal. The local populations have not been provided facts regarding the danger to which they will be exposed, and, therefore, cannot give "informed consent" for this project to go forward. Even if local populations should provide consent, they cannot speak for the welfare of future generations.

WIPP is a nightmare. It was touted as the answer to the safe storage of nuclear waste but was brought to a halt with kitty litter. Further, the health effects of WIPP's radiation releases into the local environment have not been properly studied and disclosed. How can you expect anyone to believe you have properly examined the ramifications of future potential release scenarios when you will not take responsibility for the ones that have already happened?

Based on past handling of radiation releases, we have no reason to expect any more stringent operation or oversight of this new facility. They are in it for the money and have zero motivation or ability to keep it safe for thousands of years. What is to prevent them from declaring bankruptcy when they have milked the facility for all the profit they can extract and walking away. Who is giving informed consent for that possible

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scenario? You, not the people you are supposed to serve.

We have been dealing with nuclear waste for over 70 years and have not yet invented a safe and successful waste containment process. The time of reckoning is here.

Please, in the name of decency, don't continue to exacerbate the radioactive waste problem by moving forward with this site. Focus your taxpayer money and efforts on developing both safe transportation methods and storage; and, then, build some credibility with the people who pay your salaries and expect you to keep us safe by actually doing so.