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General Comment

I oppose the construction of a Consolidated Interim Spent Fuel facility in West Texas, or anywhere else at this point. This is designed as an interim storage facility, so spent fuel would need to be transported here, and then at some future point transported somewhere else - but we do not know where. There is too much risk involved in transportation to plan to move radioactive waste twice, when it could be more safely stored in place until we really do have a 'permanent' storage plan. Any use of our current transportation system increases the risk of radiation leak through accident or other incident. The transportation containers for the spent fuel are not nearly as robust as the current storage units, increasing the chance of leakage due to a collision, fall, submersion, or other impact. And the transportation routes that would need to be used would bring this nuclear waste and the potential for accidental exposure closer to millions of people along all the routes. I also oppose siting this Interim spent fuel facility in West Texas because of the location of this site in relation to the Ogallala Aquifer, and the potential contamination of ground water in a wide area if there were to be any leakage from the storage facility. Since once groundwater is contaminated it is nearly impossible to clean, and the Ogallala Aquifer is a major water source for a broad region, there is no risk of leakage that is acceptable if there is any potential for groundwater contamination.

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